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Milosevic Agrees to Talks With Kosovars

He Tells Russia Leader Troops Will Remain in The Restive Province

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By David Hoffman

MOSCOW - The Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, agreed after meeting with President Boris Yeltsin on Tuesday to resume negotiations with the moderate political leader of the Kosovo Albanians, Ibrahim Rugova, but said he would not pull back troops from the restive province nor negotiate with militant separatists there.

The day after NATO military planes staged a warning exercise over northem Albania aimed at ending Serbia's military crackdown in Kosovo, Mr. Milosevic met with Mr. Yeltsin and his defense and foreign ministers at the

Russia, trying to forestall the use of force against Serbian units, said the meeting had nudged Mr. Milosevic to-ward negotiations. Mr. Milosevic denied that he had come to Russia to stave off a NATO attack.

"I think in principle we reached agreement," Mr. Yeltsin said. "The most important thing is that Milosevic agreed to sit at the negotiating table with

the Kosovo Albanians." The Kremlin said Mr. Yeltsin spoke by telephone after the meeting with President Bill Clintoo. It was their second cooversation in 24 hours.

It was not clear after the meeting, however, whether concrete negotiations between Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Rugova will follow. Mr. Rugova, leader of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority, bas been losing his authority to the militant rebels of the Kosovo Liberation Army as Serbia has waged an intensifying assault against the guerrillas.

The U.S. mediator, Richard Hol-brooke, had brought Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Rugova together for talks, but they met only ooce, on May 22, and further negotiations were recently called off by Mr. Rugova in response to the escalating violence. In the last few weeks, thousands of

Kosovo's ethnic Albanians have fled

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Tycoon Leads Cattle Drive to North Korea

Chung Ju Yung, the founder of Hyundai Group and one of the richest men in South Korea, petting one of the 500 head of cattle he took into North Korea from the southern town of Imjingak on Tuesday. Mr. Chung was born in what is now North Korea and hopes to alleviate the famine there. Page 4.

North Korea Missile Disclosure

Blunt Vow to Export More Appears to Be Aimed at U.S.

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Fast Service

SEOUL - North Korea declared Tuesday that it would continue to develop, test and export ballistic missiles, officially acknowledging for the first time a clandestine weapons trade that analysts say has belped build arsenals in Iran, Iraq and Syria.

The admission has added oew urgency to ten-sions in Asia following nuclear tests by India and Pakistan, which has also reportedly purchased some North Korea missiles based on Soviet-in-

spired designs.

The blunt disclosure of the missile program appears aimed directly at the United States, which bas imposed a near-total economic embargo on North Korea. Pyongyang has been trying for years to persuade Washington to lift the embargo, which is strangling North Korea at a time when its econ-

omy is in desperate need of outside assistance. But many U.S. officials have pointed to North Korean missile sales to the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, and others as evidence that Stalinist Pyongyang remains a threat to global security. The Clinton administration has repeatedly pressed North Korea to cease its missile exports - which, until Tuesday, the North denied making.

"We will continue developing, testing and de-ploying missiles," said the official North Korean ress agency, KCNA, monitored in Tokyo.

'If the United States really wants to prevent our missile export, it should lift the economic embargo as early as possible and make a compensation for the losses to be caused by discontinued missile export." "Our missile export is aimed at obtaining for-eign money, which we need at present," the ageocy said.

It was unclear whether North Korean officials had timed their statements to take advantage of concerns over the Indian and Pakistani nuclear tests. North Korea, facing desperate food shortages and an economy that has been in a spiral of decline for eight years, is widely seen as a shrewd manipulator that is capable of nursing tessions on the

nipulator that is capable of turning tensions oo the Indian Subcontinent into an opportunity for itself. Pyongyang may also be attempting to build on any momentum created during the recent visit of the South Korean president, Kim Dae Jung, to the United States. Mr. Kim, who favors more engagement with North Korea, suggested to President Bill Clintoo and members of Congress that sanctions could possibly be lifted gradually, in

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Soccer Violence Abates, but for How Long?

By Christopher Clarey
International Herald Tribune

MARSEILLE - There were no more beer bottles and cans hissing menacingly through the air outside the Stade Velodrome on Tuesday; no more tear gas floating into innocent tourists' eyes along La Canehiere; no more clashes between England fans, Tunisia fans and thrill-seeking Marseille teenagers on the Prado

After 48 hours of hooliganism and vandalism that resulted in 88 arrests and scores of injuries, relative calm returned to France's second-largest city.

Two English fans have received three-month prison sentences and another a two-month sentence for attacking a law officer. At the con-

clusion of their terms, all three will be banned from emering French territory for one year. Also on Tuesday, the French Interior Ministry deported five Britons and one Tunisian for

their roles in the riots. Sixteen more people were to appear before a Marseille tribuoal late Tuesday and at least 20 more, including 12 minors, were to be jodged later.

The goestion now is whether the violence is over or simply in remission.

England will play at least two more games in this World Cup — in Toulouse on Monday and in Lens on June 26 — and its fans, both the peaceful majority and bellicose minority, have every intention of watching their favorite team

What can Toulouse and Lens learn from Marseille's long and unpleasant weekend?

Dominique Baudis, the mayor of Toulouse, already has postponed the city's annual Fete de la Musique, a street party with itinerant bands scheduled for June 21, the night before the

England-Romania game. "I have no intention of exposing thousands of young people to this sort of danger," Baudis said. "I doo't want to see the squares of Toulouse turned into battlegrounds.

From Thursday through Monday, bars and restaurants in Toolouse will close at 11 P.M. The city's two giant video screens, where fans without tickets watched the first two matches in Toulouse in peace, will be shut down for the England match to avoid the sort of altercations that occurred at the Prado Beach during the

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For U.S. Team, a Tough Lesson From Germany

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

PARIS - Let's go over this. The operative spin-doctor theory was that if the United States had to play Germany in the World Cap, it might as well be in the very first game before the old champs sorted out their geriatric cases and their physiotherapy cases.

So much for the theory. In fact, it took

only a few seconds to separate the Macnner from the Jungen. That was how long it took for Jens

Jeremies to get within striking distance of the much smaller Claudio Reyna. In the opening minutes, Reyna, the American playmaker, who earns his living in the Bundesliga and learned years

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ago about German work habits, had expected somebody to mark him, and Jeremies zeroed in on bim like a smart missile. Jeremies delivered a ringing whack in Reyna's kidney area, and for the rest of the night, the bigger Germans went about stealing the Americans' lunch, pushing them around, outjumping them, outrunning them, outshoving them.

ANALYSIS It was so much worse than the 2-0 score that I find myself at a loss trying to quantify this for fans back home.

There is something instructive about watching a one-sided game like this, because it raised the appreciation of just how good soccer players can be. The Germans controlled nearly every ball in the air, did something positive with their headers, won nearly every contested tackle, and passed crisply. Berti Vogts, the German coach, said they lost 'discipline' in the second half. What else is he going to say?

Poor America. It waited four years to get back in the World Cup, to show that the wink-wink rapid naturalization processes and the suburban orange-cone leagues and the training ground of Major League Soccer were producing a new

race of lads who can play this game. Did any Yanks have a good night? Well, Frank Sinatra suunded great in the recording of "New York, New York"

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American soccer fans in Paris encouraging the team

Asian Worries Deepen

'Depression' Feared by Aide Of World Bank

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribiene

MELBOURNE - East Asia could plunge into a "very long-lasting" depression if urgent steps are not taken to reinvigorate the hardest-hit economies and rekindle growth in Japan to stabilize the yen, a World Bank official said

The official, Jean-Michel Severino. the hank's vice president for East Asia and the Pacific, said that "major countries of the world" should hold talks with nations in the region.

The talks, he said, should focus on a oew financial aid program to fight rising unemployment and social unrest from disrupting or delaying the economic re-forms laying the basis for sustainable

recovery.

He said at a husiness conference here that with growth in all East Asian countries slowing sbarply, and several facing economic contraction of up to 15 per-cent in 1998, "We are talking about a major recession and probably a depres-sion in this part of the world. This depression may be very long-lasting if one does not manage it very, very care-

fully."
Mr. Severino said the World Bank was convinced there was "no alternative to more expansionary micro-policies right now," including higger hudget deficits and lower interest rates, so that governments could cushion the impact of unemployment that was "ex-

ploding everywhere in the region."

Mr. Severino's prognosis appeared to be significantly at odds with the austerity measures of the bank's sister organization, the International Monetary Fund, which has been responsible for dictating the often painful conditions on which emergency loans worth more than \$100 billion have been provided to Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea.

Mr. Severino also said that a dynamic Japanese economy was "absolutely critical" in reviving regional growth.

aid, trade and investment. But its economy recently slipped into recession and there are doubts in financial markets. that the government's stimulus package will work.

A sharp decline in the value of the yen recently threatens to deepen East Asia's economic troubles.

"Without an engine of growth in the region," Mr. Severino said, "the region

cannot make it.' The official made his remarks at a conference, organized by the Interna-tional Herald Trihune, on East Asia's financial and economic turnoil. Open-

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Crisis Is Testing China's Resolve

Beijing Defends Its Currency

By Mark Landler

HONG KONG - The Chinese finance minister on Tuesday issued the strongest warning yet that the Asian crisis could destabilize the yuan, as the country's central bank intervened to support the currency,

China has steadfastly refused to devalue the yuan, which is also called the renminbi, despite the tide of devaluations that swept through Asia in the autumn. But there were new signs Tuesday that the persistent weakness in the Japanese yen was testing Beijing's resolve.

The finance minister, Xiang Huaicheng, said in an article published Tuesday in the People's Daily that China's struggle to meet its economic growth target could put pressure on the currency. Later in the day, Beijing reiterated its plea that the Japanese government show the "courage and wisdom" to halt the slide of the yen, and emphasized that the yuan would "continue to be stable."

Those statements were the latest in a chorus of complaints by Chinese officials about the yen. Such talk has kindled fears throughout Asia that Beijing could be laying the groundwork for a devaluation of its own.
"When so many Chinese officials come out, they mean

husiness," said Guonan Ma, the co-head of economic research at Salomon Smith Barney in Hong Kong, "If the yen continues to fall, they will reach a breaking point."

A devaluation of the yuan has become something of a

doomsday scenario here because analysts said it would almost certainly kick off a second wave of devaluations around the region - leaving Asian currencies in tatters and regional economies in an even more precarious state.

"An ill-considered devaluation could start another round of instability," said Miron Mushkat, director of strategy at Indocam Asia Asset Management in Hong 'China's devaluation would push us back to square one."

A key difference between China and other Asian countries is that it cannot be stampeded into a devaluation

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Hashimoto Plays Down Crisis

Japan is in crisis, according to financial and political leaders around the world, but there are few signs that Prime Minister Kyutaro Hasbimolo is working feverishly on a Japan is East Asia's largest source of rescue plan. Rather, on the campaign trail, he has been

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visers, weary of jawboning their Japanese counterparts, say the United States has very little leverage over Tokyo. Page 13. Asian leaders called on Japan to stabilize its currency and economy, warning that Asia could slide into depression if Tokyo did not act. Page 17.

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U.S. Court Frees British Au Pair

Reduced Sentence of Manslaughter Upheld in Infant's Death

Compiled in Our Staff From Desputches

BOSTON - The British au pair Louise Woodward was free Tuesday to return to England after a court ruled that a trial judge was correct in setting aside her murder conviction and replacing it with one of manslaughter.

The sentence imposed by the judge is lawful," the coun said in a 4 to 3 ruling, after both pros-ecution and defense attorneys had appealed the

"The cooviction of manslaughter together with the sentence imposed, shall stand," said the Supreme Judicial Court, the highest in the state of Massachusetts.

The ruling upholds a Nov. 10 decision by Judge Hiller Zobel to reduce Miss Woodward's murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter, and set her free after sentencing her to the 279 days she had already served in iail. Miss Woodward's mother, Sue, described the

decision as "absolutely fantastic." A statement from Miss Woodward's attorneys

said she was grateful to her supporters and would return home after "appropriate arrangements are

There was no immediate comment from the prosecution. Miss Woodward, now 20, was convicted of second-degree murder on Oct. 30 for the death of

8-month-old Manhew Eappen. She was sentenced to life in prison in a jury trial that had Britons railing against the U.S. justice

Miss Woodward's former attorney, Elaine Whitfield Sharp, said the decision, while sparing Miss Woodward prison time, was not a complete victory because it failed to clear the au pair's name. She said she was disappointed the court did not acquit her, hut added: "I'm happy for her that she

Matthew's parents, Sunil and Deborah Eappen, meanwhile, filed a wrongful death suit in federal

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AGENDA

China Opposes Establishing War-Crimes Court

China cut a profile of defiance on Tuesday by declaring its opposition to any global war-crimes court that might look into "countries" internal affairs," and it underscored the message by pressuring a UN-sponsored conference in Rome to cancel an awkward press appearance by a Chinese government critie.

Deputy Foreign Minister Wang Guangya. China's delegate to the negotiations to establish an international criminal court, outlined China's

A Chinese Entrepreneur Rides the Net to Success

Combling luvales the American Youth Scene

restrictive approach to the power of the future court and the independence of its prosecutor. "The court should not become a tool of political struggles or a means of interfering in other

countries' internal affairs," he said.

China is said to fear international inquiries into its policies in Tibet — a concern at this conference shared by other countries experiencing internal conflict, including Mexico, Russia, Indonesia, India, Israel and Algeria, Page 5.

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By Steven Mufson

ELJING - America in the imagination of Tian Suning had always been a place of bright lights and big cities. So it was a shock to Mr. Tian when he arrived in Lubbock, Texas, in 1987 with \$45 in his pocket and a full scholarship to Texas Tech. There were no skyscrapers. No Fifth Avenue. No White House. No night clubs. Instead, he found prairies, churches and ranches. The tallest building was 10 stories high. When be asked for a beer, he goi rooi beer.

For the next five years, he studied the ecology of the prairie, making mathematical and sta-tistical models of the growth of bromegrass. He counted leafy siems and saw how bromegrass weeds compete in nature with sand drop seeds. He also spent several months studying the environmental impact New York City sewage would have if, as proposed at the time, it were dumped on the Texas grasslands.

For Mr. Tian, however, isolation was the mother of invention. To stay connected with the rest of the world, he became proficient with computers, and he caught the wave in the rising Américan Internet craze.

Today, Tian Suning, also known as Edward S. Tian, Ph.D., is back in Beijing where, at least when it comes to business, the grass is greener. In a little more than three years, be has become one of China's leading entrepreneurs. His company, AsiaInfo Group, has built much of China's Internet backbone by installing the Americanmade equipment needed to connect more and more Chinese Web surfers at higher and higher

speeds. And it is now branching out into new areas by providing software solutions to big Chinese enterprises.

Founded by Mr. Tian in early 1995 with just four employees, AsiaInfo now has 320 employees. \$45 million a year in revenue and an impressive array of backers and projects. He has provided the Internet infrastructure for Sichuan Province, which has a population of more than 100 million. He is doubling the speed of the Net in Beijing, in an effort, he says, to prevent the information superhighway from becoming a parking lot. He's helping Chinese banks, which still do much of their business in cash, devise on-line "ecommerce" systems. He's advising a Shanghai securines firm about on-line trading. He's putting newspapers in Shanghai and Heilongjiang on-line. And to belp him with future ventures, he recently arranged financial backing from three

leading American venture capital firms.

In just three and a half years of doing business,
Mr. Tian has already mei the goal shared by most
of his generation and followed the advice of the late senior Chinese leader,

Deng Xiaoping, who said that 'to get rich is glorious." But as with many of the most successful mem-

bers of the Cultural Revolution generation, Mr. Tian views his mission as something even big-

"I want to bring the best part of America to China: an efficient information infrastructure that will change people's minds and people's ways of doing things," be said. "This is the

responsibility of our generation."

Sitting in his modest office in Beijing's com-



Tian Suning, the president of AsiaInfo, explaining the concept of the World Wide Web.

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puter software district, Haidian, Mr. Tian brims with a sense of historic opportunity.
"I'm very confident," said Mr. Tian, who is

reading Daniel Yergin's "The Prize" and just published a Chinese translation of Ron Chernow's "The House of Morgan." China, be said, "is like America at

CHINA The Next Generation tunity to build a Standard Oil and giant companies that American founding fathers built, because China is in the midst of an economic revolution

and a technological revolution. The numbers back him up. In China, 11 mil-lion new telephone lines are installed every year, equal to starting a new Baby Bell operating company every 12 months. The Internet is booming. Nationwide there are about 1 million accounts. In Guangzhou, 1,000 new users sign up every month. Within five years, the number of users is expected to hit 10 million. Intel estimates that China will overtake Germany this year and become the world's third-largest market for per-

"The Internet is today's equivalent of the steam engine," Mr. Tian said. "At the turn of the century, it was the sewing machine instead of information technology. This," be said, meaning China and the information technology revolution, "is like the Industrial Revolution, and that's wby I feel very passionate about it."

N CHINA, information has been treated as polifical propaganda, not as a marketable commodity. So the same equipment that Mr. Tian sells to make the Internet work faster is also being used by the government to block access to sensitive Internet sites. Only those who are adroit with computers can still find ways to circumvent the electronic barriers.

Mr. Tian compares the Internet to the invention of the printing press. "People were afraid then too that information would not just be for the clite," be said. "People could read

Confucius and get the wrong idea."

Mr. Tian himself is still full of wonder about the Internet. He had a business meeting in San Jose; he booked a beach house on-line. He couldn't get home for his daughter's birthday, so he sent her flowers by connecting to www.flowers.com. He sent a note: "Your daddy is building the Internet in China, and you got this flower.

Because AsiaInfo is American, it has broad access to technology. Because Mr. Ttan is Chinese, it often has an edge on American companies competing for contracts here. Asia-Info buys equipment from such giants as Cisco Systems Inc. and Sun Microsystems Inc., and it buys from smaller American software companies that are not familiar with the Chinese market.

Mr. Tian's company also has 170 of its own programmers finding soft-

ware solutions for Chinese firms.
"If we bid against IBM, what's the difference we offer? We're small, and they're big. We're three years old, and they're 70 years old." Mr. Tian said. But, he added: "China is our only market. And one thing we represent is a new generation of Chinese companies and a new gen-eration of Chinese entrepreneurs."

Next: China's up-and-coming technocrats.

Nigeria Ruler Wins Praise For Freeing 9 Prisoners

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LAGOS - Nigeria's new military ruler has taken a big step toward restoring international respect for Africa's most populous nation after releasing some key political prisoners, diplomats

said Tuesday.
They said the releases ordered by
General Abdulsalam Abubakar of General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former military ruler, and eight others could be seen as a genuine attempt to end years of isolation for human rights abuses and lack of democracy.
"It is almost hard to believe that they

have done exactly what they needed to do," a Western diplomat said. "It is an opportunity which we should not miss to show them that positive moves will be reciprocated."

Nigeria is under mild international sanctions imposed to force the former Nigerian leader, General Sani Abacha, who died suddenly June 8, to bring political freedoms to the West African country of 104 million.

But the measures failed to influence General Abacha, who was headed to-ward Aug. 1 presidential elections as the sole candidate and showed no sign of releasing the scores of dissidents locked

up for opposing his regime.

A very large question mark still hangs over the release of Moshood Abiola. Nigeria's most prominent detainee and the presumed winner of annulled 1993

Political analysts say that setting free Mr. Abiola would be much more difficult than the others, since his claim to the presidency could scuttle General Abubakar's intention of using General Abacha's chaoiic democracy plan as a remplate to restore civilian rule.

His release from detention at a house in the capital Abuja, where he has been since 1994, could also exacerbate tensions within the army at a time when General Abubakar will have to persuade the military to give up power that sol-diers have held in Nigeria for all but 10 years since independence from Britain

Washington on Monday welcomed the releases, which came the day after General Abubakar spoke to President Bill Clinton by telephone. "We view this as a very positive development and applaud the decision by the new Ni-gerian leadership," a White House spokesman said.

General Abubakar is close to a former military president of Nigeria, Ibrahim Babangida, who courted the West and particularly the United States until his annulment of the 1993 elections, which Mr. Abiola was poised to win, plunged the nation into political chaos.

Nigerian opposition groups, which last week dismissed General Abubakar as no better than General Abacha for planning to follow the same plan to restore civilian rule, cautiously welcomed the releases but said there would be no relenting in their efforts to free Mr. Abiola.

"Abubakar must now move swiftly forward to release all detainees. In particular he must release Abiola and allow him to assume his mandate," said Gani Fawehinmi, an opposition veteran.

In Love With 'Chou Dan'

By Elisabeth Rosenthal New York Times Service

EIJING - It was class time at Beijing University, but at 10 o'clock Monday morning seven guys in shorts and Tshirts crowded around a large-screen color TV in dorm room 511, a spare cement cubicle decorated with three metal bunk beds and the previous day's laundry. Nine student "share-holders" had bought the TV last month in anticipation of just such an occasion, and now hoots and jeers filled the air. "Aya, that Malone he plays

"Nice ball, Go Rodman!"

They're losing with three minutes to go, I can't stand it. Hit me with a

Minutes later, half a world away, the Chicago Bulls clinched their sixth National Baskerball Association championship with a swish of the ball passing though the basket with only five seconds to play. The students jumped to their feet and began a refrain: "Chou Dan, Chou Dan, Chou Dan,

Chou Dan. of course, is Michael Jordan, Sure, Bill Clinton, president of the world's most powerful nation, is about to visit China. But to the Chinese, Michael Jordan remains America's king.

Mr. Clinion's state visit this month

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things American, from books to clothes to movie stars. But these all seem like passing fancies compared with the intense passion that Chinese, especially young Chinese, have de-veloped for Michael Jordan and American basketball.

"Michael Jordan is much more fa-mous than Clinton here." said Cheng Qian, 20, a Bulls fan and shareholder in the TV set who is a management major at Beijing University. The Chinese have named him keng-

zhong feiren - "space flier." And, in the last week, businessmen, retired teachers, students and government officials have all paused to watch him, live on state-min television, as he led the Chicago Bulls to their 4-2 series victory over the Utah Jazz.

When Beijing Mellande Informa-tion Co. recently asked 1,000 urban Chinese to identify the best-known Americans ever, Mr. Jordan came in second, trailing Thomas Edison by just a few percentage points.

Behind him were Albert Einstein. Mark Twain and Bill Gates.

On the sidewalks of Jianguomenwai Avenue, street vendors sell Michael Jordan posters. In department stores. Michael Jordan books and calendars sit beside those featuring Hong Kong movie stars and Chairman Mao.

"Of all American things, basketball is the most popular," said Li Fa, a

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junior, who could not join the crowd in | 20, another of the TV's shareholders. 511 because he is a Jazz fan. "Everyone knows Michael Jordan.

State television began broadcasting prerecorded NBA games in the early 1990s, and recently switched to live broadcasts. On Monday. Chinese viewers had three opportunities to see the final playoff game, which the Bulls won, 87-86. The Chinese are hard pressed to say why they so adore the Bulls and Michael Jordan, who scored 45 points in the final game.

'I don't know - because of his skill, and because he alone carries half of the Cbicago team," said Li Qixing,

TRAVEL UPDATE

Japan Airline Faces a Pilots Strike

TOKYO (Reusers) — Pilots for Japan's All Nippon Airways will resume a strike on international lines following the introduction of a dual wage system newspapers reported

The strike will begin June 23, but flights between Tokyo and Paris, site of World Cup soccer games, will be ex-

A Rudder-Pedal Check on Boeings

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Rudder pedals on nearly all Boeing aircraft will be checked after a pilot was forced to turn

over control to his first officer because of a mechanical

malfunction, the Federal Aviation Administration said Mon-

OSLO (AP) - Airlines resumed flights in Norway on Tuesday after a crippling strike by air-traffic controllers, but a

On Monday, the government ordered 235 air traffic con-

trollers and other union members to return to work, saying a

Polish Rail Workers Issue Warning

of the Polish State Railways threatened to strike Wednesday in

a move that could paralyze rail transport across the whole

country. The union wants pay raises of about 300 zlotys (\$83)

a month and better retirement packages. Their average

DUSSELDORF (AP) — A brief strike hy ground personnel at Dusseldorf airport on Tuesday delayed takeoffs and land-

ings of about 70 airliners, affecting a total of about 6,000

Dusseldorf Flights Are Disrupted

WARSAW (Reuters) - The locomotive engineers' union

four-day strike was excessively disrupting the country.

day. A bolt was later found on the floor of the cockpit.

mechanics' conflict could again halt flights.

monthly wage is about 1,400 zlotys.

passengers, officials reported.

Airlines Flying Again in Norway

American basketball is certainly more colorful than the home-grown variant, where the People's Liberation Army's August 1 team (named for the day the army was founded) is the reigning champion. In skill and in entertainment value, Chinese players are no match for the likes of Dennis Rodman, who played the game with a green design dyed in his hair.

Said Han Bai, a junior, sitting on his bunk bed in jeans and a T-shirt, "I couldn't accept this from a Chinese player, but he's an American, so we

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by AccuWeather.

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THE AMERICAS

Gambling and Its Abuses Invade the Youth Culture

By Brett Pulley New York Times Service

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey - Like a first kiss. getting the car keys for the first time or walking into a bar and buying a first drink, gambling has become a rite of passage for young people on their wny to adulthood. From New Jersey, up and

leries in 38, youths who have let's go gamble.''' Along of youthful gambling will said the man, Michael, who is with this change in the American lead to more cases like that of in a treatment program for include reconditioned slot from a hefry menu of leggoing on dates, spending their prom nights and joining college classmates at the nearest

"It used to be that young their wny to adulthood.
From New Jersey, up and down the Mississippi River and west to Nevada, with casinos in 26 states and lot-

casinos and sometimes lax checks, had attempted suicide enforcement of wagering laws - gamble at an earlier

and earlier age and gamble excessively.

ican cultural scene, there is a young Philadelphia man alized gambling activities also a growing concern who became an addicted right in their hack yards are among experts on compulsive gambler as a teenager. For the among experts on compulsive gambler as a teenager. For the gambling about the number young man, now 27, the botof youths who — confronted inm" came after he had made with state lotteries, the two trips to prison for credit growth of family-oriented card fraud and writing false

and robbed his family. *By the time I was 17, my parents had put a lock on everything in the house — bed-They fear the proliferation rooms, pantries, closets,"

in a treatment program for compulsive gamblers. Like other addicts in recovery programs, Michael was willing to be identified only by his first name, "If I could take 30 towels out of the linen closet I would sell them for \$10 to place a bet," he recalled.

A study conducted last year by Louisiana State University found that one in seven Louisianians ages 18 to 21 were problem gamblers, nos and culdvating future some of them pathological — gamblers. youths with a chronic and progressive psychological are grooming the next gen-disorder characterized by an eration," said Marvin Roffemotional dependence on man, a gamhling analyst gambling and a loss of control based in Philadelphia. The gambling and a loss of control over their gambling.

Mr. Shaffer recently conducted an analysis of nationwide studies of gambling addiction in which he found that the rate of problem gambling among adolescents was 9.4 percent, more than twice the Young people bave been gambling since the beginning of time. he said. But I think now, for the first time, young people are growing up having lived their entire lives

gambling is promoted and socially accepted. Children gei their lessons - from the sports trading cards that they buy hoping to find one with an instant and

in a social environment where

large monetary value to the chocolate chip cookie company that advertises during Saturday-moming cartoons, offering \$1,000 to the lucky child who huys a package with the chocolate chips missing.

Although children have been gambling for years, the fundamental principle of gambling - huying a chance to win more money - is indeed more prevalent in the lives of young people than it has ever been, some experts

The local governments that sponsor lotteries, as well as young people who try it. the casino industry and other husinesses, do their part, whether intentional or not, to enhance gambling's appeal in the eyes of the young. Lottery scratch cards have bright, car-toonish graphics. Video he said, is that adults bave toonish graphics. Video he said, is that adults bave poker machines resemble the failed to inform them of the video machines that a generatioo of children have of the whole social milieu that

machines that work just like the real thing but offer prizes instead of money.

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And the casino industry, by surrounding itself with amusement parks and attractions that appeal to the young. has given parents a reason to bring children along when they visit places like Atlantic City and Las Vegas - introducing adolescents to casi-

'Market-savvy managers kids go to the amusement park for the day, and when the family gets back to the hotel room. Dad is talking about bow be did at the blackjack tables and Mom is talking about how she did at the slots. The kids are listening and it's 3.8 percent rate for adults. making an impression on

> With so many other things to worry about, like teenage pregnancy, drug abuse and drunken driving, many parents and educators say they have not yet focused on gambling as one of their major concerns.

'I know we have students, in wagering all around them probably a large number of students, who gamble," conceded William Steele, the principal of Atlanoc City High School. On the desk in his outer office there is a stack of pamphlets for students to about compulsive gambling.

Although the school's student resource center lists counseling for problem gambling as one of the services it provides, Mr. Steele admitted that little had been done to encourage students to seek help for their gambling prob-

And it is true that, like other rites of passage, gambling will prove harmless in the long term for most of the

Mr. Shaffer said that many teenagers experimented with gambling and lost interest as they became adults. One primary reason that teenagers he said, is that adults bave grown up playing. Video ar-cades for children along the people," he said.

POLITICAL NOTES



Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, compared homosexuality to alcoholism and kleptomania.

Key Senator Calls Gay Sex a Sin

WASHINGTON - In an unusual interview about his personal beliefs. Senator Trent Lott, the majority leader. agreed with a conservative talk show host that homosexuality is a sin and then compared it to such personal problems as alcoholism, kleptomania and sex addiction.

The Mississippi Republican made his remarks in a taped interview conducted by Armstrong Williams for the America's Voice network, a cable television network. The interview was timed for Father's Day on Sunday and is scheduled for broadcasting over the weekend or next week.

Mr. Lott and Mr. Williams explored a range of social topics from the senator's thoughts on disciplining children (he said that on occasion he used a helt) to his opposition to abortion and his views on the role of men and women in marriage.

Asked whether homosexuality was a sin, Mr. Lon replied, 'Yes, it is." He added that "in America right now there's an element that wants to make that alternative lifestyle acceptable," He said, "You still love that person and you should not try to mistreat them or treat them as outcasts." Mr. Lon said his father had had a problem with alcoholism, adding that 'others have a sex addiction or are kleptomaniacs.'

There are all kinds of problems and addictions and difficulties and experiences of this kind that are wrong," he said. "But you should try to work with that person to learn to control that problem.

Ex-Guards of Presidents Join Case

WASHINGTON - The former Secret Service agents in charge of protecting every president from Dwight Elsenhower to George Bush bave asked an appeals court to block the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, from questioning current officers, warning that it would lead to the death of a president, lawyers said.

The dire prediction, included in a friend-of-the-court. brief, echoed the views of the Secret Service director, Lewis Merletti, who is appealing a U.S. District Court order that two officers and a Secret Service lawyer testify in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

The former agents said it was their unanimous view that, if not reversed, the decision would "lead inexorably to the successful assassioation of another American president in our lifetime.

Signing the former agents' brief were all nine living former special agents in charge of the presidential protection division, including Clint Hill, the agent who leaped onto President John Kennedy's car moments after the first shot rang out in Dallas in 1963, and Jerry Parr. who shoved President Ronald Reagan into a car to escape John Hinckley Jr. in 1981.

Quote/Unquote

President Bill Clinton, assailing a tobacco industry advertising campaign against anti-smoking legislation in Congress and voicing regret that public health groups do not have the money to answer in kind: "Those of us in politics know that unanswered ads can sometimes be fatal. Well, if they're fatal this year, they will be fatal to young children who continue to be seduced and sold illegally cigarenes that will shorten their lives." (WP)

In Philadelphia, War Against Misery

Urgent City and Federal Offensive Tries to Combat Crime and Blight

By Rene Sanchez and Devon Spurgeon Washington Post Service

PHILADELPHIA — Scores of police officers and federal agents, followed by a convoy of garbage trucks and graffiti cleaners, have invaded Philadelphia's most violent and hleak neighborhoods, and they vow not to leave until the entire area is safer and

The combined local and federal sweep marked the start of one of the broadest and most sustained crackdowns against crime and urban hlight undertaken in a large U.S. city in recent years, patterned after a zero-tolerance strategy developed most notably in New York several years ago.

Philadelphia officials, who have been criticized for failure to reverse crime statistics in the dramatic way New York and other cities have, said they turned to the large-scale crackdown out of desperation.

"We are determined to take this area hack, block by block, for as long as it takes," said Ted Diehl, a coordinator from the city manager's office who operation in one part of the targeted area. 'Crime, drugs, abandoned houses - we're going after all of it."

Nothing else bas turned around North Philadelphia's desolate Fairhill and Kensington neighborhoods, which last year had a murder rate four times higher than any other community in the city — whose overall tally, 411, dropped only 2 percent from the pre-

the next 18 mooths police officers and an array of city workers will occupy the area almost around the clock trying to break up gangs, stop drug dealing and restore some measure of hope to resideots, many of whom live in stark

By Terry M. Neal

Washington Post Service

to determine who will represent the Repub-

lican Party in the governor's race this year in

Alabama has degenerated into a rancorous internecine battle, with the sort of exchanges

rarely seen even in partisan general elections.

Governor Fob James Jr. and Winton Blount

month when Mr. Blonnt called oo Alahamians

to elect a governor who would not "con-

Mr. Blount was fat. Sticking to that theme, Mr. James's wife, Bobbie, called Mr. Blount a

observers around the United States. But for Mr. James, the election is no laughing matter.

possibility of being booted from office by a

The exchange drew snickers from political

Antagonism between the two candidates -

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — The contest

Philadelphia officials said the initiative, called Operation Sunrise, will be the largest anti-crime effort here since the city's disastrous attempt in 1985 to remove the radical group

MOVE from a poor neighborhood. The area has more than 70,000 residents. It is one of the most densely populated and economically depressed

parts of the city. Police leaders have been working with community leaders here for more than six months to develop the plan, seeking to enlist residents' support.

Other cities have waged similar campaigns in recent years by putting swarms of police officers in some of their most dangerous, decaying neighborhoods for a few days and making many arrests.

Law enforcement officials in Washington have set up roadblocks and sometimes put floodlights in the streets to improve safety in areas over-whelmed by drug dealing and gunfire. But the Philadelphia effort was pro-

claimed as the beginning of a longterm presence. City officials said attacking the neighborhood problems from every angle and all at once was supervising the initial stage of the from boarding up vacant houses to towing abandoned cars, chasing away prostitutes and removing trash and graffiti - holds great promise.

Many residents said they are overjoyed to see the initiative and said it police officers who patrol their streets have appeared to be overwhelmed.

"I love it with the cops around — I saw 15 this morning," said Melanie Joseph, 27, an unemployed mother of Now, officials bere said, for at least three who has lived in the area for four years. "But I think it's going to take them a few years to get this place cleaned up.

Other residents, however, expressed odds of success were remote.

will benefit.

ness interests.

has been building for years. It peaked this from economic conservatives.

tinually embarrass us." Mr. James, himself no sitions on school prayer and has criticized him

svelte figure, responded by suggesting that for refusing to rule out tax increases. Mr.

At a time when governors of both parties are enjoying great popularity, Mr. James faces the party are fighting for dominance.

Other Republican governors, such as of creation key planks in his agenda. Since he George W. Bush of Texas and Tom Ridge of was elected in 1994, be has supported abor-

Pennsylvania, are expected to cruise to re- non restrictions and bas signed an executive

election, but Mr. James could manage only 48 order banning same-sex marriages. He put

percent of the vote in the five-way Republican prisoners back on chain gangs but disbanded

moderate businessman, in the state's Repub-

that while the two candidates spend money

attacking each other, the Democratic chal-

lenger, Lieutenant Governor Don Siegelman,

supporter of school prayer, is viewed as the

candidate of choice for social conservatives,

while Mr. Blount draws his base of support

Mr. James has accused Mr. Blount of in-

sulting Christians for oot supporting his po-

economic development and the state's husi-

the larger, national issues facing the Repub-

lican Party, where social conservatives and

The battle has been cast as a case study for

In the last few years, Mr. James has made

issues such as school prayer and the teaching

Generally speaking, Mr. James, a stauneh

the problems will just reappear," said Jim Wilson, who has lived in the area for five years. The area, a few miles north of Phil-

"I hope it works, but I fear that as

soon as they slow down or stop this, all

adelphia's glearning Center City, has been dying for years. To some residents, it's known as the "Badlands." Factories are sealed or have been

razed into empty lots that are now filled with garbage. Many of the narrow streets are lined with crumbling, empty old rowhouses

that often serve as drug dens.
Four of every 10 residents in the area live below the poverty line. The neighborhoods are a mix of Hispanic immigrants, who arrived in large numbers over the last decade, and poor blacks and whites who have been

struggling for better lives for a gen-

The size of the city's task in attempting to revitalize the downtrodden area has become evident. Even as it rolled out garbage trucks, housing inspectors and more police officers to cheers on a few blocks here in the morning, there were still more ominous signs on other streets nearby, where curbside drug dealing was flourishing well into the afternoon.

When I was a kid here, I used to play in the streets," said Gene O'Conoell. 40, unemployed. "Now you was overdue. For too long, they said, would never even think of sending your kids outside alone. Unless they are willing to go to full-scale war here. it's going to be another joke,'

As part of the effort, local officials will work with federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Immigration and Natural-ization Service, and U.S. Customs.

Philadelphia officials refused to disclose the full cost, which will be funded doubts: Some said that without more partly by federal grants, or to say exiobs and better schools in the area, the actly how many of its police officers and city workers will take part.

Mr. James may be among the most con-

alition. Many well-known social conserva-

Pat Robertson, Phyllis Schlafly and James

nadon's governors, he has stood up and vowed

that he will no longer allow liberal judges to

vote in the primary, said the combination of Mr.

James's style and record has turned off many

Alabamians. Mr. Blount cited Mr. James's

assertion that the Bill of Rights does not apply

defend a county circuit judge's right to display

the Ten Commandments in the courtroom.

Dobson — are pushing for his election.

In Alabama Race, Republicans' Rhetoric Degenerates

Blount has accused Mr. James of ignoring deny school children the right to pray."

lican runoff June 30. Some Republicans fear 1970s, switched parties in the early 1990s.

primary June 2. He will face Mr. Blount, a them a year later. Mr. James, who served one the northern part of the state openly defied the term as a Democratic governor in the late judge's ruling, with Mr. James's endorse-

The governor's statements and acoons, Mr. troversial governors in the country, but he has Blount and his supporters say, have perpetuemerged as a hero of the religious right. One of his campaign consultants is Ralph Reed, former executive director of the Chrisman Co
"He's hurt our image," Mr. Blount sa ated the state's image as a backwater populated

'He's hurt our image," Mr. Blount said in an interview. "This is a nation of laws. No one oves - including the Reverend Jerry Falwell, is above the law, and I would never encourage anyone to violate the law."

Mr. Blount, the son of Winton (Red) In a letter of support, Mr. Falwell wrote of Blount, President Richard Nixon's postmaster Mr. James that "virtually alone among the general and a prominent patron of the arts, says that he has not forsaken Christian conservatives. In a news conference Thursday, he said his first act as governor - after signing Mr. Blount, who received 41 percent of the the oath of office - would be to ask the attorney general to issue clear guidelines, based on Supreme Court decisions, about what types of religious expression are allowed in schools. He also would sign an executive order obligating the state to pay legal costs as-

to Alabama and Mr. James's announcement that he would call out the National Guard to sociated with school prayer-related lawsuits. Nonetheless, many Chrisoan conservatives say Mr. James is their man. Joe Thomas, 65, of Last year, Mr. James volunteered to lead Birmingham, said he supports the governor

prayers at any school that wanted bim to after 'because be's a fine Christian gentleman." "And I think it's time we start praying," a U.S. district judge ruled that a state law sancooning student-inioated prayer was un- Mr. Thomas added. "And we're going to be in constitutional. Schools in De Kalb County in trouble if we don't start with the kids."

Away From Politics

fellow Republican.

• The Ku Klux Klan has received permission 800, James Kallstrom, a former FBI official, to march next weekend in Jasper, Texas, a to be a law enforcement consultant, the nettown rocked by the suspected hate-crime killing of a black man who was dragged to his death behind a pickup. Sheriff Billy Rowles confirmed that a parade permit had been gran
1982 killing of a sheriff's deputy during a confirmed that a parade permit had been granted to two faccions of the white supremacist group, one day after a vigil was held to remember the victim, James Byrd Jr., and (AP)pray for unity.

• Four deaf patients who were denied sign language interpreters won a \$700,000 set-tlement from the Jersey City Medical center in the state of New Jersey, which promised to

burglary at a suburban Dallas grocery store.

Johnny Dean Pyles was the 10th person put to death this year in Texas, which conducts more executions than any other state. (Reuters)

• Crime in California declined for the fourth year in a row, to levels that have not been seen in 30 years, the state attorney general. Dan Lungren, said. He released data showing that have interpreters available in the future. (AP)

• CBS News has hired the chief investigator into the July 1996 explosinn of TWA Flight

Lungren, saud. He released data showing that violent crime dropped 7.9 percent last year. Six categories of crime — homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and vehicle theft — decreased 6.9 percent. (AP)

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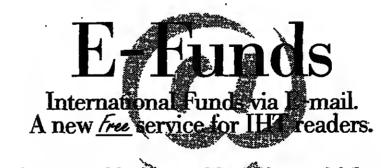
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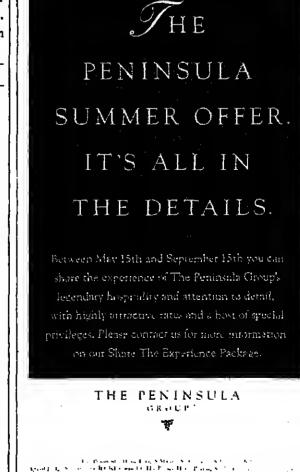
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Hashimoto, on Campaign Trail, Plays Down Worries

By Mary Jordan

TOKYO - Japan is in crisis, according to financial and political leaders in the United States and just about everywbere else.

But here at crisis central, there are few signs that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto is working feverishly on a rescue plan. Rather, he plays down the economic mess and focuses optimistically on how the Japanese are in the enviable position of having piles of personal savings.

On Sunday, Mr. Hashimoto gave a major speech and revealed that indeed he is worried, but his fretting was di-rected at nuclear testing and the fact that Japanese women are having fewer and

At the end of last week, as the Japanese yen fell far and fast, causing every Asian stock market to sag. Mr. Ha-shimoto jumped on a plane and went campaigning for his party.

A key reason Mr. Hashimoto seems to be distracted from Japan's and the rest of Asia's economic woes is next month's national election.

On July 12, for the first time in nine years, his Liberal Democratic Party has a chance of capturing a majority in the upper house of Parliament. If it succeeds, it will not have to appease and accommodate coalition parties. This is no small thing, and Mr. Hashimoto's supporters argue that, with a freer hand in Parliament, he could act more swiftly on tough economic measures.

Everything we are trying to do is balancing short-term measures that ease the pain and longer-term solutions to structural problems that cause pain. said Yoshima Hayashi, a Liberal Democratic member of the upper house. If the party wins a majority, it can take the necessary hut unpleasant steps, he said.

But others see the election as the latest in a series of excuses for delaying action on the problem. Increasingly, there are worries that the Great Asian Recession could turn into the Great Asian Depression, because Japan, the only country in the region rich and powerful enough to mitigate the crisis. was too slow off the mark.

The falling yen reflects falling international confidence in Japan. A sure way to restore confidence would be for Japan to make hold moves to fix its fundamental and urgent problems, such as clearing the heavy debt burden Japanese banks bear — a debt some estimates put at \$700 billion or more. But the Liberal Democratic Party has already said it will not deal with that mess, which almost certainly will lead to bank failures or mergers, to the auctioning off of properties at a fraction of their original cost and to higher unemployment. There is a clear link between the

election and the delay in enacting necessary economic policy." said Seiichi Takarabe, an economic analyst, "We hear top LDP members are arguing that the drastic measures needed to straighten out the banks' had debt must be taken after the election, not before,

On Monday, Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's chief execurive, became the latest leader to ask Japan, in his words, "to get with" boosting its economy because it is hurting the region. The yen's fall was having an "enormous impact" on Hong Kong, he added.

Mr. Hashimoto's response was that

"we must continue watching markets" movements with particular caution."

Richard Medley, an economic and political adviser to international investment groups, said that what is happening in Japan is a replay in many ways of the 1988 presidential race between George Bush and Michael Dukakis, in which both candidates ignored the magnitude of the American savings and loan crisis.

Then a month after the election, it was 'Oh, yeah, we forgot to mention one thing during the election; we need \$500 million to rescue the S&Ls," "Mr. Medley said. "That is what is going on now in Japan. It is waiting for the election before it takes its next and hardest step."

But there are concerns that even after the election the promised solutions will fall short because many officials here still do not believe the problems are as critical as the rest of the world does. Ron Bevacqua, an economic analyst

for Merrill Lynch & Co. in Tokyo, said, "It's almost unanimous — from bu-reaucrats to top politicians — that economic conditions are not as bad as the financial markets and foreigners think." He said it was striking how different those inside Japan and those outside perceive the gravity of the problems.

Mr. Bevacqua said that normally he

would think Japanese officials had "their finger on the pulse, but they have made so many mistakes in the last few years."

For his part, Mr. Hashimoto saw immediate results from his Saturday campaign appearance in the southern city of Kumamoto. In Sunday's special election there, the Liberal Democrats won the parliamentary seat, even if much of that victory had to do with soured voters who stayed home in record numbers. Many people predict something similar will happen in the national elections



Prime Minister Hashimoto, left, consulting Tuesday with Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga, right, before a budget committee meeting in the Diet.

A Tycoon Mounts a Cattle Drive to North Korea

By Kevin Sullivan chington Post Service

PANMUNJOM, South Korea Mooing and jostling in the hack of 50 trucks, 500 fattened cattle were driven Tuesday through this border village into North Korea, completing the dream of an idealistic old man and opening new opportunities for two feuding nations. Chung Ju Yung, 83, the South Korean

industrialist who thought up the im-probable canle drive to help the starving North, led the convoy of trucks in a hlack limousine. The founder and honorary chairman of the Hyundai conglomerate, Mr. Chung was raised as a peasant's son in what is now North Korea. The cattle are his way of helping his homeland.

At Imjingak, the last village before the rows of razor wire and the mine fields of the demilitarized zone, more than a thousand well-wishers, including Buddhist monks and women in pink traditional Korean dresses, cheered as the cows rumbled past with bells around their necks clanging.

Inside Panmunjom, which straddles the world's most heavily fortified border, goose-stepping North Korean soldiers in olive-drab uniforms and scores of American and South Korean troops bit back smiles as the wide-eyed cows were driven slowly across a border that has seen few light moments since the end of the Korean War.

Then the extremely frail Mr. Chung. aided by a cane and a helper holding each arm, stepped out of his car and shuffled across the frontier - the first civilian since World War II to make that crossing without a government escort. On the other side, he was greeted by women bearing floral bouquets and then whisked away in a motorcade of Mercedes sedans to begin his 8-day stay.

"I sincerely hope that my visit to North Korea this time will not remain an isolated event but will lay the cornerstone of reconciliation and peace between North and South." Mr. Chung said before he left.

governments in Pyongyang and Seoul, which both approved the plan, Mr. Chung's crossing Tuesday represents a reversal of policy. In the past, South Korea has harely allowed its citizens to speak to a North Korean, let alone drive cattle to them. North Korea has been so hostile to its southern neighbors that it has often refused humanitarian aid from Seoul, choosing to go hungry rather than

swallow its pride. But a new pragmatism, tinged with oprimism, rules on the Korean Peninsula. Since the inauguration of President Kim Dae Jung in Fehruary, the South has followed Mr. Kim's "sunshine policy" hy taking a more mod-erate approach toward Pyongyang, en-

gaging rather than isolating.
The Kim government has separated political and economic dealings with the North, allowing husiness leaders to pursue deals in North Korea in growing numbers. The Seoul government, which has jailed people for reading North Korean literature or listening to radio hroadcasts from Pyongyang, this week began allowing some government-ap-proved North Korean books, music and

videotapes to be imported into the Sonth. They also allowed the importarion of frozen fish and some agricultural products.

Mr. Kim has just returned from a nine-day tour of the United States during which he tried to sell President Bill Clinton and Congress on a new ap-proach to North Korea that is more carrot than stick, including the possibility of easing economic sanctions in exchange for reciprocal good behavior hy Pyongyang. Mr. Kim has even suggested a meeting with Kim Jong II, the North Korean leader.

The North has largely returned the warmth, even if only to suit its own desperate needs for food and outside assistance. While remaining hard-nosed on many issues — including a vow Tuesday to continue its production and export of missiles to countries believed to include Pakistan and Iran - the North has shown more willingness to engage South Korea. Next week, the North will send a high-ranking military official to talks in Panmunjom with United Nations officials, including repre-sentatives of the United States and South Korea, for the first time in seven years. Pyongyang has embraced Mr. Chung's homecoming tour, which began Tuesday when a North Korean soldier unbolted a chain and made way for the 50 Hyundai trucks to cross the gravel noman's-land into the Communist North. "I think it's an important symbol,"

said Colonel Jean-Jacques Herren, a Swiss Army officer assigned to the UN observer team at Panmuniom. "If we want to have real trust and cooperation. this channel should be used as much as possible." And, Colonel Herren added, This man is a nice story.

Mr. Chung recounted that story Tuesday in Panmunjom, the village he crossed through when he left North Korea in 1933, at age 18. Mr. Chung recalled how he was born into a poor farming family in the village of Tongchon, where he helped raise the family cattle. When he left home and headed south, he took with him some money that his father had earned hy selling a hull. Mr. Chung has said that he always felt guilty about taking that money, which he eventually parlayed into one of South Korea's biggest per-

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100 Girls Schools Closed by Taleban

KABUL — The Taleban religious army on Tuesday shut more than 100 private schools that were quietly educating thousands of girls in defiance of a ban.

The Taleban's religious affairs minister. Haji Khulimuddin, announced the closings at a news conference in Kahul, where he warned that violators would be punished.

The Taleban bad allowed the schools to operate without recognizing them. It was not clear what caused the clampdown.

Cut in U.S. Troops Urged for Japan

TOKYO - Morihiro Hosokawa, former Japanese prime minister, has urged a dramatic and immediate reduction in the U.S. military presence in Japan, citing the tax burden it places on the Japanese.
In an article scheduled in the

July-August issue of the U.S. jour-nal "Foreign Affairs," an excerpt of which was reported by Japanese media on Tuesday, Mr. Hosokawa said: "The time has come for the leaders of Japan and the United States to discuss an alliance fit for the next century.

He estimated the cost of the U.S. bases to Japan at \$5 hillion an-

Phnom Penh Bans **Election Rallies**

PHNOM PENH - Cambodian authorities said Tuesday that they had banned all demonstrations in Phnom Penh ahead of the national election July 26 but an opposition politician, Sam Rainsy, said he would hold a rally Snnday.

"We've banned all demonstrations before the election because it will be very difficult and complicated for the authorities to keep security, stability and a neutral political atmosphere in the city," said a Phnom Penh municipal official, Man Chheoun. (Rewers)

KOREA: North, Citing Economics, Vows to Keep On Developing and Selling Missiles North Korea's provocative state-

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exchange for reciprocal acts of good

faith by Pyongyang. By pressing the missile point just three days after Mr. Kim's return to Seoul, officials in North Korea may be hoping to capitalize on any new softening of Washington's resolve on sanc-

North Korea's missiles have long been a matter of grave concern in Asia. In 1993, the North test-fired a mediumrange Rodong-1 missile into the Sea of Japan, demonstrating that parts of Japan, a key ally of the United States in the region, were easily within the missile's 1.000-mile (1,600-kilometer) range.

Defense analysts say that North Ko-Mr. Chung's visit to his homeland is a rea has since developed the Rodong-2 remarkable symbol of improving re-lations between the two Koreas. For the lations between the two Koreas. For the

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the 30 million residents of greater Tokyo, in its sights.

Donald Gregg, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea and now chair-

man of the Korea Society in New York, said he had met this week with officials of the North Korean delegation to the United Nations. He said they had told him they were dissatisfied with the pace of deliveries of oil from the United States promised under a 1994 agreement. Under that deal. North Korea agreed

to suspend its suspected nuclear weapons program in exchange for two new nuclear reactors and 500,000 tons of fuel oil each year until those reactors were working. Several oil shipments have been delayed, and Mr. Gregg said the North Koreans asserted that the United States was not living up to its essary now, in the middle of the agricultural growing season.

Mr. Gregg said the North Koreans also may feel there was less movement on the sanctions issue than they ex-pected following Mr. Kim's visit to Washington. "The hard-liners may bave thought.

'well, we've got to make a move.' 'Mr. Greeg said, adding that it was good that North Korea's missile program had finally been "flushed out."

The United States and North Korea began negotiations in 1996 in which American negotiators hoped to persuade Pyongyang to freeze its missile program and join an international agreement designed to restrict missile proliferation. The negotiations bave gone virtually nowbere. The latest round in August 1997 in New York was canceled, and no new sessions are scheduled.

ments about its missile program come as Pyongyang has been more receptive and open on other issnes. In recent months. relations between North and South Korea bave thawed somewhat; especially on economic matters. Under President Kim's "sunshine

policy" of engaging North Korea, many South Korean business leaders bave been traveling to the North to discuss possible ventures there. Chung Ju Yung, founder and honorary chairman of the Hyundai con-

glomerate, entered North Korea on Tuesday with a donation of 500 cattle for the impoverished land.

This reminds me that the North Koreans have at times sent contradictory signals," Mr. Gregg said. "You get a soft signal from one faction and a hard signal from another."

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Clinton's Appeal Is Brushed Off by Athens religious allan khuimuddin khuimu By Tom Buerkle CARDIFF, Wales -- A British-led push to improve relations between the European Union and Turkey was blocked on Tuesday hy Greece, which rejected proposals for fresh aid to soothe Ankara's anger at being left out of the EU's enlargement process.

Greece maintained its hard-line stance despite a direct appeal from President Bill Clinton, who took the unusual step of telephoning Prime Minister Coslas Simitis in the early hours of Tuesday morning while the Greek leader was participating in the EU's semiannual summit meeting here.
Mr. Simitis said that Mr. Clinton had

Greece Foils EU Move

To Give Aid to Turkey

urged him to lift Greece's longstanding veio on EU aid to Turkey, saying it would ease tensions between Turkey --a NATO ally — and Europe.

But Mr. Simitis resisted the pressure, insisting that the blame for Turkey's soured relations with Europe rested squarely with Ankara.

That left EU leaders to repackage a position they adopted in December. which called for closer EU-Turkish relations and spoke of Turkey's eligibility for EU membership but left Turkey out of a group of 11 candidate countries from Eastern and Southern Europe.

That exclusion prompted Turkey to suspend political contacts with Europe in protest, and Washington has been working alongside major European countries in an effort to repair the diplomatic damage.

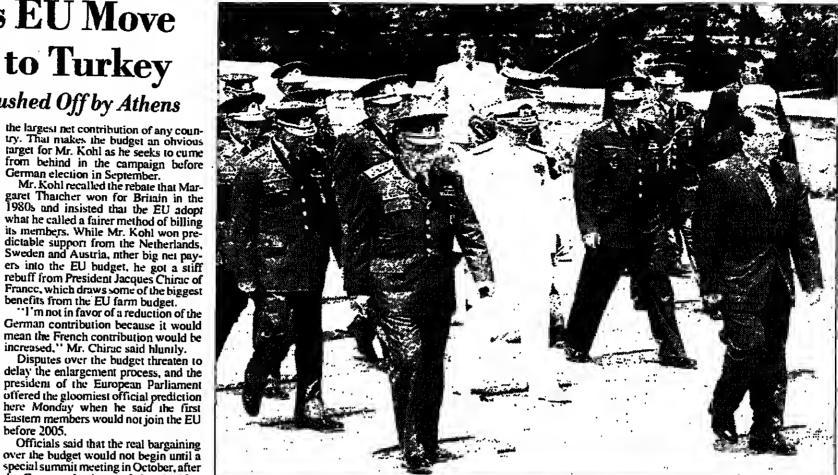
The EU has promised to provide Turkey with 75 million European currency units of aid a year under a 1995 agreement on closer trade and political ties. but Greece has consistently blocked payment of the funds because of dis-Dutes with Ankara in the Aegean Sea. Athens has insisted that the disputes

be submitted to international arbitration before lifting its veto on EU aid. EU leaders also engaged in a pre-liminary skirmish over the bloc's internal budget here, but the talks did little more than demonstrate the wide gap between

the EU's paymasters, led by Germany,

and its budgetary beneficiaries. Adopting a tough stance in what could be his last meeting with fellow EU leaders, Chancellor Helmut Kohl demanded a reduction in Germany's big payments to the EU budget. Germany pays about I I billion Ecus more than it gets back in farm and development subsidies, by far

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Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, right, and Turkish generals visiting the Kemal Ataturk mausoleum on Tuesday.

Blunt Words Punctuate Debate on Global Court

the largest net contribution of any country. That makes the budget an obvious

1980s and insisted that the EU adopt

its members. While Mr. Kohl won pre-dictable support from the Netherlands,

Sweden and Austria, other big ner pay-

rebuff from President Jacques Chirac of France, which draws some of the biggest

German contribution because it would

mean the French contribution would be increased," Mr. Chirac said hlundy.

delay the enlargement process, and the

president of the European Parliament offered the gloomiest official prediction here Monday when he said the first Eastern members would not join the EU

Officials said that the real bargaining over the budget would not begin until a

special summit meeting in October, after

the German election, and that the bloc

would be hard-pressed to finish nego-

tiations by a March 1999 deadline.

before 2005.

Disputes over the budget threaten to

'I'm not in favor of a reduction of the

benefits from the EU farm budget.

German election in September.

ROME — The gloves came off on Tuesday at a United Nations conference on establishing a permanent world criminal court as countries whose human rights records are under fire ruled out cases being brought against their will.

The rhetoric of Monday's opening day - a chorus of calls for a truly independent International Criminal Court - soon fizzled out as China, Algeria and Pakistan delivered blunt messages and Beijing blocked a news conference at which a Chinese doctor was to have accused his nation of killing children.

Long stung by international criticism over its human rights record, China said the court should have jurisdiction only when the countries concerned gave their consent. That is something experts say would have made war crimes prosecutions in Rwanda or the former Yugoslavia impossible.

"The court should not become a tool of political struggles or a means of interfering in other countries' internal affairs," Wang Guangya, bead of the

Chinese delegation, said.

"The court can exercise its jurisdiction only with the consent of the countries concerned and should refrain from exercising such jurisdiction when a case is already being investigated, prosecuted, or tried by a relevant country.

Consent is one of the thornicst issues before the conference, which also has to hammer out compromises on how much power a prosecutor should have to initiate proceedings and what role the Security Council should play.

At one end of the spectrum a coalition of 50 "likeminded" states, including Britain, South Africa and Argentina, want a strong, independent court and prosecutor. At the other a group of states, including Iran, Iraq, Algeria, India and Pakistan, want to keep strong national control over the law.

Protective of its role as one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, China said the tribunal should not "compromise the principal role"

That puts China on the same side as its fellow council member, the United States, which advocates close Security Council control of prosecutions. The United States argues that arrangement gives individual prosecutors and judges the political backing needed to do the job.

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China also said there should be no vote on the treaty. Instead, it suggested passage by consensus, something else experts call impossible

Organizers said Tuesday that 153 nations are attending. The delegates will seek agreement on a statute establishing the court and its rules. Individual nations must then ratify it. If approved, it could take several years for the court to be set up.

Pakistan told the conference each individual state had the competence to decide if it should try a case itself or let the International Criminal Court step in.

Algeria, which urged that "international terrorbe brought under the remit of the court, said it "quite clear domestic competence must be exercised in full sovereignty." (Reuters, AP)

2 Key Turks Sign Accord For Election In April '99

ANKARA - Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz and an opposition leader have formalized a deal reached earlier this month to hold early elections in April.-

the opposition chief said Tuesday.

Deniz Baykal, the leader of the Republican People's Party, told his deputies that he and Mr. Yilmaz signed the agreement that calls for the prime minister to resign by the end of the year.

A caretaker government would then lead the country to elections, which should be held either on April 18 or April 25, according to the agreement.

Although Mr. Baykal did not say

when the agreement was signed, news-papers said that it occurred Monday. Mr. Baykal had been pushing for early elections in return for his party's

continued support of Mr. Yilmaz's minority government, especially on issues of tax reform and a bill aimed at curbing Islamic radicals. The government has pushed armyinspired secularist education reforms

through Parliament but has recently eased off on an Islamist crackdown for fear of alienating traditionalist Muslim

Mr. Yilmaz came to power last year in a coalinon of his center-right Motherland Party, the Democratic Left Party and the Democratic Turkey Party afterthe military forced the previous, Islamic-led government out of power.

No single party has gathered enough votes to bave an absolute majority in Parliament since 1991, and three governing coalitions have collapsed since

Mr. Baykal and his 55 staunchly secularist deputies bold the balance of power in the 550-seat Parliament and hope to win the anti-Islamist vote in the next elections.

In April, Mr. Yilmaz said he would quit and call elections but dropped the plan after it was criticized by his coalition partners as a recipe for political

instability.

The idea of forming a pre-election government without Mr. Yilmaz has resurfaced in recent weeks despite opposition from President Suleyman De-The main opposition Islamists sup-port early elections but want them held sooner than April. (AP, Rewers)

What Superstate? EU Officials Ask

Commission Answers Fresh Criticism From Leaders in Cardiff

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — When leaders at the Cardiff summit meeting spoke Tuesday of cutting the "European federal superstate" down to size, members of the Brussels bureaucracy said they were left to wonder if the politicians were living on the same planet.

The European Commission, the socalled Brussels octopus with its tentacles supposedly reaching into the lives of every European citizen, has neither the means nor the manpower nor the authority to become a super-administration like the federal government in the United States.

The vast majority of the rules, regulations and directives that impinge on Europeans' lives are introduced by the member governments ibemselves. And governments, not the Brussels bureaucracy, spend approximately 80 percent of the EU's annual budget.
As one official here put it: "When

things go well, the governments take the credit. When they go badly, the commission gets the blame.

The commission has a staff of about 16,000, including secretaries, translators and temporary workers - a fraction of the number employed by the collective governments of the member states and about as many as are employed by the average medium-sized city in any European country. By comparison, the city of Paris employs more

than 45,000 people. Their role in establishing the conditions for the free movement of people goods, services and capital in Europe's single market puts the 2,000 or so executive-level "Eurocrais" in the front line for criticism.

Much of the carping beloogs in the realm of mythology.

Did the commission, for example, decree the standardization of Christmas trees? No, but the association representing the growers did make such a recommendation. Guess who got the

Must fisbermen wear hairnets? No. but the readers of British tabloid newspapers might believe that the commission has issued such a ruling, along with directives on straight cucumbers and curved bananas.

In fact, in line with a policy to "legislate less and act better." the amount of legislation proposed by the commission bas fallen dramatically in the last eight years.

The construction of Europe over the last half-century has always been an uneasy compromise between national and community interests. The debate that has begun at Cardiff

and will be continued at a special EU summit meeting in Austria is not a new

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one. The subject is called subsidiarity. and it has been around since the 1980s.

Subsidiarity, a principle with which the commission agrees, means that decisions should be taken at the lowest possible level, or that which is closest to the people. Municipal councils are responsible for the shape and spacing of streetlights, for example. The commission has specific responsibility for foreign trade negotiations.

But between these extremes, not all decisions are as easy to place in pigeon boles.

ANALYSIS Commission officials were stuog by the implicit criticism contained in a joint letter published last week by President Jacques Chirac of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, which railed against the "excess of centralization" and accused "certain European institutions" of having become 'remote from citizens and their everyday concerns.

Officials here acknowledge that the commission is unpopular. Opinion polls show that it is. That unpopularity is often the result of a lack of under-

But if the commission is remote from citizens, one obvious reason is that it has neither a budget nor a mandate to engage in public relations. Commission information bureaus in the capitals of the 15 member states are usually manned by only two or three staffers.

And the fact that staffers are sometimes working in a second or even a third language means that the commission's presentational style is wooden and often replete with jargon.

The Chirac-Kohl letter appeared to be prompted by domestic concerns.

Facing a touch-and-go election, Mr. Kohl cannot appear to be soft on Europe, even though he is in many ways one of its principal architects. Mr. Chirac, who was politically marooned by the victory of the Socialists in elections last year, seeks a means to re-engage with the French electorate, and knocking Europe is a convenient vehicle.

Their interests coincided with those of Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain. First, Eurobashing never goes down badly in Britain. Second, Mr. Blair needed a ringing theme for the Cardiff meeting, the culminating point of Bri-tain's lackluster and inefficient sixmonth presidency of the EU. So disappointing has the British performance been that the European Parliament even withheld its formal vote of thanks for

the presiding nation. The triple alliance of France, Germany and Britain on the subsidiarity issue bas angered some of the smaller EU countries. It drew a powerful rebuke about big-power bullying from Karel Van Miert, the commissioner in charge

of antitrust policy, which is one area confided to the commission by the founding treaties.

Jacques Santer, the commission president, said be was sick and tired of seeing the commission pilloried for decisions made unanimously by the member governments. He cited the abolitioo of duty-free sales next year and a directive regulating zoological gardens. Was it really oecessary to draw up directives on such subjects? he asked.

The campaign to devolve to the member countries powers that they possess anyway sidesteps the more serious issues facing the EU - to take just one. the need to set up the mechanism for a common foreign and security policy as called for by the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

Some officials here said they were concerned that the French-German initiative would lead to "renationalization" rather than the strengthening of EU institutions. This, they said, would weaken the principle that underpins the community.

For as its founding father, Jean Monnet, said, The only things that can be left to future generations are strong insn-



MAESTRO MANDELA - Nelson Mandela, the South African president, conducting a choir of children Tuesday that greeted him at his arrival in Cardiff, Wales, where he was to join EU leaders to discuss trade ties.

BRIEFLY

Greek Planes Land in Cyprus

NICOSIA - Greek fighter jets and a transport plane bave landed at an air base on the divided island of Cyprus in a move condemned by Turkey and the breakaway Turkisb Cypriot government in the

A C-130 transport plane arrived at the military base in the western town of Paphos on Monday and four Greek F-16s landed Tuesday morning. It is the first time Greek planes are known to bave landed at the base since its completion in January.

*This is an action that threatens peace and stability and cannot be ignored," the leader of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot republic, Rauf Denktash, told the local TAK news agency. Turkey, which has 30,000 troops in northern

Cyprus and is the only country to recognize the Denktasb administration, was equally fierce. "The use by Greek planes of the base is an extremely grave and provocative development that is

directed to breaking trust and stability on the island and in the region," a written statement from the Turkish Foreign Ministry said. Cyprus bas a defense pact with Greece, its closest ally, whereby Greece will come to its aid in the event

of hostilities on the island. 'This gives a specific political message," the Cypriot defense minister, Yiannakis Omiron, said of the planes' arrival. "That the common defense doctrine will exist and will continue to develop so long as there is Turkish expansionism."

Chernobyl Reactor Is Shut

KIEV — The last functioning reactor at Ukraine's ailing Chernobyl nuclear power plant was shut down Tuesday so the cooling system could be examined for

a possible small leak, the director of the plant said. But Vitali Tovstonohov said that levels of radioactivity around Chernobyl, the scene in 1986 of the world's worst civilian nuclear accident, were normal. He said the reactor could be restarted Monday.

"Nothing serious has happened," he added. "Radioactivity levels are within norms. Nobody has been hurn." He said extremely high temperatures in the reactor meant it had to be shut down to carry out checks on the cooling system. The reactor is the last of four original reactors still

operating after reactor Number 4 exploded in April 986, spewing a poisonous radioactive cloud over Europe and contaminating large areas of Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

Ukraine bas promised to close the stricken plant by 2000, and the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations has promised in exchange to provide aid in constructing two nuclear reactors in western Ukraine to make up for lost capacity.

But the cash-strapped former Soviet republic says that it cannot close Chemobyl until the West coughs up about \$1.2 billion to fund the closure and build the (Renters) new stations.

Turkey Releases Cargo Ship

GELIBOLU, Turkey - A Maltese-flagged cargo ship set sail Tuesday morning, 32 bours after Turkey stopped it on suspicion of carrying Russian missile

parts for Cyprus.

The Turkish authorities uncovered seven mobile missile launching pads aboard the ship, but allowed it to continue its course after Cairo confirmed that the military equipment was for Egypt. The ship, which came from Ukraine, had described its cargo as tract-

ors and cars for Egypt. Turkey increased surveillance in its waters after

S-300 missile systems had reached Cyprus by sea. Turkey has vowed to take military action if the missiles are installed by the Greek Cypriots, saying they are a threat to Turkish Cypriots in the north. 1/1P)

Paris Gives a Rightist Flak

PARIS — The leftist government said Tuesday that a former conservative prime minister was 'on a slippery slope" in advocating a study of whether French citizens should be given special treatment over immigrants.

Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement said the proposal by Edouard Balladur was "an open invitation" to the far-right National Front.

"He is on a slippery slope," Mr. Chevenement said, "because step by step, he is calling into question the principle of equality.

Mr. Balladur said Sunday that a comminee should be formed "to study whether it is normal or abnormal, legitimate or contrary to republican principles to reserve certain state services exclusively for nationals and refuse them to resident foreigners."

Piat's Killers Get Life Terms

DRAGUIGNAN, France - A French court sentenced two men to life imprisonment Tuesday for the 1994 murder of Yann Piat, a lawmaker who crusaded

against corruption in ber Riviera constituency. Gerald Finale, 53, who was accused of planning the attack, and the confessed hit man, Lucien Ferri. 25, were both found guilty in the murder, the first of

a deputy in the 40-year Fifth Republic.

Marco di Caro, 24, who drove the motorcycle transporting Mr. Ferri when he blasted away at Mrs. Piat's car on a deserted mountain road, was senreports last week that radar and control panels for five tenced to 20 years in prison.

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INTERNATIONAL

For the Out-of-Work Miners of Lesotho, Gold Retains Precious Little Luster

By Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

MASERU, Lesotho — The other meo call David Monkhe the Priest.

Wearing a tattered overcoat and a bat pulled low, he walks back and forth along the lines of the jobless gathered outside the mine hiring hall in the raw mists of a winter dawn, blowing a reedy flute and summoning them to prayer. They pray for jobs," one job seeker

said. "and for hope." Mr. Monkhe says he is a laid-off, miner, hoping against hope to be re-

To the people of this tiny mountain

By Robin Wright

Los Angeles Times Service

scheduled to interview Secretary of

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into Albania, and tens of thousands of

others have been displaced inside the

province and have become refugees. So

far, at least 250 people have been killed

in the fighting, which Western powers fear could reignite a wider war in the

Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Milosevic issued

a joint statement here after the talks that

incorporated some — but not all — of

the demands made by foreign ministers

of the six-member Contact Group last

Friday in London. The group includes

the United States, Britain, France, Ger-

many, Russia and Italy.
In the statement, Mr. Milosevic

pledged that "no repressive action will

be taken against the civilian popula-

The Contact Group had also demanded a military withdrawal. Mr. Milo-

sevic said at a press conference that

reporters from a cross-section of Iranian said.

that is now fast fading away. Of all the tho's gross cational product. places in southern Africa hurt by the layoffs caused by the sinking price of gold, Lesotho is probably the worst hit.

The damage is felt in many ways, the shrinking of the national income, an increase in divorces and rapes in small villages used to their men being far

The oumber of gold miners in South Africa has fallen, from 500,000 in the mid-1980s to 300,000 now, and pess-imists expect the total to drop to 250,000 this year. Of those, perhaps 80,000 will be from Lesotho.

In the 1980s, nearly 170,000 men kingdom, the country that surrounds from the hardscrabble villages worked

The Right Male and Female Plumage for Ascot's Rite of Spring

consider their decision.

January, when he called for a break in the of President Khatami's young, reformist organize a media visit.

KOSOVO: Milosevic Agrees to Talks With Ethnic Albanians

WASHINGTON — In a setback to efforts at U.S.-Iran rapprochement, several Iranian journalists tentatively their visit." an official said.

State Madeleine Albright this month clude several newspapers, partly be-

their homes and poured across the border ment to continue negotiations "imme-

while some troops might return to their movement in the region, and allow un-

Race-goers in morning clothes mark their cards Tuesday at the first day of the four-day Royal Ascot horse races, which draw

'We saw it as an opportunity for the

The State Department decided to in-

have canceled their trip here under pres-sure from Iranian conservatives.

cause of recent Iranian media requests to several U.S. officials but also to "have of Iranian diplomats is normally restric-

papers, would have been a response to The cancellation reflects the growing The speech is sponsored by Middle President Mohammed Khatami's conflict in Iran as conservatives attempt East Insight, a Washington-based

groundbreaking interview with CNN in to limit the political and social openings magazine that also has tried to help

Yugoslavia was "out of the question."

diately" with Mr. Rugova. But he said in

the press conference that be would not

talk to the rebels who are increasingly

gaining public support as the conflict deepens. "I don't see reasons to conduct

negotiations with terrorists," Mr. Mi-

The Russian foreign minister, Yev-geni Primakov, said Mr. Milosevic's

pledge was a breakthrough. "We con-

sider this now opens a real possibility to

regulate the situation, and the ball is now

to a targe extent in the Kosovo Al-

But in Washington, Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright said that while

"there was some progress," Mr. Mi-

tosevic "did not meet the primary points the Contact Group had raised."

ment that be would agree with demands

that Serbian forces provide freedom of

bases "as terrorist activities subside," a hindered access to diplomats and to sucb statement referred to as the "stopping of

Mr. Milosevic said in the joint state-

banians' court," he told reporters.

Mr. Milosevic pledged in the state-

The interview, by leading editors and the widest possible impact," the official ted to a small area around New York

many members of British society. Sarah Bainbridge, far right, and Sky Gwain arrived in their finery at the races near London.

Layoffs have accelerated with the fall in the price of gold. After hovering just below \$400 an ounce for much of the '90s, it sank as low as \$280 in January and has risen just slightly since. South Africa's mines have the world's highest production costs, and by some estimates five of the 30-odd mines can only turn a jobs in the street." profit when the price of the metal is at \$300 an ounce.

At 8:45 A.M. ooe day, David Baholo Ntlhakana, chief recruitment officer for this branch of the Employment Bureau of Africa, stepped into the middle of the 300 men and opened his red ledger.

Unbidden, the men formed ranks, and

Pressured by Tehran, Iranians Cancel Interview With Albright

Iranian editors and reporters would re- block exchanges with the United bad requested an interview with Mrs.

The Iranian visit was initially de-

signed to coincide with a speech in

Washington oo Wednesday by Hadi Ne-

iad Hosseinian, the new Iranian am-

bassador to the United Nations. His trip

to Washington required a special waiver

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Com-

Asked about accusations from the

West that Serbian units have been en-

gaged in war crimes in attacks on ci-

villans, Mr. Milosevic denied they were

engaged in "ethnic cleansing" and in-sisted that there were not "civilian vic-

President Bill Clinton believes Mr.

Milosevic's agreement to meet many, but not all, Western demands to end the

bloodshed in Kosovo is a step in the right

direction, Reuters reported Tuesday

from Washington, quoting the White

in the president's view, moves us in the right direction," the spokesman, Mi-

But Mr. McCurry said Mr. Milosevic

must withdraw the forces, saying that

this should not be linked to what the join

"The outcome of this meeting today,

mittee of the Red Cross.

tims" in the recent fighting.

House spokesman.

chael McCurry, said.

Clinton Praises Agreement

cloth. His words carried clearly in the cold air. The message was simple: Go home.

There's nothing. "This is the worst, the worst," Mr. Ntlhakana said. "They must travel a long way bome or look for temporary

Julius Rakoena, 40, worked the mines because gold is low," he said. Asked bow his family stays alive, Mr. Rakoena said quietly: "It is difficult. Other people next door give them food."

Bereng Khutlane, 51, started work in

Last week, the conservative Iranian

judiciary revoked the publishing license

of Jameh, or Society, a new paper that

had become a barometer of political and

The publisher of a second moderate

paper, Gozaresh-e Ruz, or News of the

the editor was summoned for questioning on "unethical reporting." The pa-

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social changes in Iran.

publication last week.

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In February the mines formed a crisis committee with the National Union of Mineworkers to try to slow the layoffs and forestall labor unrest. As layoffs nonetheless continued, the union asserfor 19 years before being laid off last ted that the committee was a rubber year. "The boss said the job is finished stamp and threatened to quit. But the mining companies say they are at the mercy of faraway economic policies.

Central banks from Australia to Belgium have been selling off gold reserves. The crisis in Asia dried up jewelry dethem, South Africa, is the shaft of gold at in the mines. The money that they sent their chatter died. Wrapped in bright 1969 and was laid off this year. "It mand, and strict inflatioo control in the

with the American team, a World Cup

traditioo, when the two teams play in

The mayor of Tehran, a close ally of President Khatami, told his corruption

trial Tuesday that senior figures in the

The mayor, Gbolam-Hossein Karbas-

The trial has been linked to other moves

government were well aware of his use

Renters reported from Tehran.

■ Tehran Mayor on Stand Again

Lyon on Sunday.

Day, was released oo bail Sunday, just as of city assets to reward key employees,

the end of a once-shimmering rainbow back represented 40 percent of Leso-blankets, the national costume of Leso-causes difficulties at home," he ac-

As the president of the Chamber of Mines, Bobby Godsell, pointed out: "If you were to open a shop and had to sell your goods at 1982 prices, yoo would find it very difficult to stay in business. The mines are finding it very diffi-

Critics of Sonth African mining companies say they adjosted far too slowly. Too little, for example, bas been done to foster a local jewelry industry. The necklaces sold bere are made in

Also, the industry long clung to its old ways. The stereotype of a mine gang used to be a white "miner," the possessor of a blasting certificate, sending orders to his low-paid black crew and beating the slackers if he missed his quota. The anger that system fostered meant high absenteeism, vandalism and fires - and a militant union, which led a crippling strike in 1987.

Times have changed. At Durban Roodepoort Deep, a worn-out 103-yearold mine that is barely able to stay open, nearly 95 percent of the miners are black, and some crews work on the bonus system, paid by the ton of rock moved. They are twice as productive as other crews, a manager, Frik Coetzee, said.

"The mines are working smarter." said Leon Esterbuizen, a gold-industry analyst for the ABN-Amro investment bank. "If you cut a typical 15-strong crew to 10 men, they'll do the same job if you give more incentive like a 50 percent

But to keep peace with labor and the new government, the mines bave all but stopped hiring from Lesotho or Mozamhique, as they used to. "Novices don't get jobs here," said Puseletso Salae, a unioo official in Lesotho.

Paradoxically that occurs although the mines love foreign employees. "Workers from Lesotho work 10 times harder than others," a former mine en-gineer said. "Why? Because there's nothing for them back borne."

Back bome, erosion and overcrowding on soil that was already thin and stony have left little to plow. Villages that used to send platoons to the mines are now watching them hoe small gardens or herd sheep, jobs traditionally left to boys.
In Pshatlella, a village sontheast of

Maseru, idle young men hang around the roadside liquor store. For a small fee they will take visitors to fathers and uncles laid off from the mines.

"We are starving, sir, we are starving," said a rail-thin William Sechaba Makamase, 50, a winch driver from 1973 to 1992. Outside his solid house with its swept-dirt yard, built in those good times, be survives on a small garden and three cows. Cattle theft has worseced.

"Just down the road," be said, "someooe stole a cow and slaughtered it to eat."

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His wife, Emily, has stayed with him, chi, in his third appearance before the he said, but that is not often. "The womcourt oo embezzlement charges, said he eo leave," Mr. Makamase said. "They A U.S. official confirmed that the was well within his rights when he re- cannot stay with a man who is bank-

Mrs. Makamase, 44, nodded assent wall of mistrust with the United States.

The State Department said Monday that it regretted the journalists' decision. It added that the department hoped the states added that the department hoped the states are not soccer team does not exchange shirts.

The pressure, which in In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been "politicized." In Iran, the newspaper Farda reported the journalists decided against this trip because it had been provided that the journalists decided against this trip because it had been provided the closing against Iran the newspaper Farda reported the journalists decided against this trip because it had been provided that the journali Meanwhile, 20 members of Parlia- against Khatami allies, including the start and said they get by selling some corn.

Some women brew sorghum beer. Villages can be torn apart by the aftersbocks of layoffs, said Lisemelo Mosakeng, administrator of a trade school for miners' families. A man laid off after years in a union mine may receive several thousand dollars in severance pay.

"If I hear your busband is leaving the mine," said Miss Mosakeng, 25, speaking in the role of a village bussy, "I might go to him in South Africa, and we will enjoy his retrenchment package. Then when he comes back your children will bave nothing."

Laid-off miners often drink their pay, she said, and are left without even the \$2 bus fare to the hiring halls. "They remaio in the village, where there are lots of young girls," she said. "So the rape problem is very bad."

At the hiring hall, just before Mr. Ntlhakana dispersed the men, he read a couple of names. One of those, Sello James Ramarake, 22, spoke up. He had not been waiting for days. Although he is a novice, he came, in his new Planet Hollywood jacket, confident of being

His father had just died of tuberculosis in the St. Helena Mine's hospital, and it is industry custom to hire the soo of a

man who dies on the job.

"My mother will be very happy," he said. "There are 10 of us. I will be the

withdrawal from anywhere in international humanitarian groups as the terrorist activities. Lucio Costa, Brazil Architect, Dies at 96

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Times Service

RIO DE JANEIRO — Lucio Costa, 96, the architect and urban planner whose vision of man living in harmony with his tropical surroundings carried Brazilian architecture into the modem age, died Saturday at his home here. Internationally, Mr. Costa was besi

known as the planner of Brasilia - the ambitious, futuristic Brazilian capital that surged up from the arid savanna in the state of Goias under President Juscelino Kubitschek in the 1950s.

Mr. Costa placed apartments and homes in peaceful green spaces largely free of traffic. Shunning the names of colonial viceroys, counts and generals that marked the streets of the old capital in Rio de Janeiro, he simply numbered blocks and neighborhoods.

In Brazil, Mr. Costa became known in the early 1930s, when Getulio Vargas appointed him head of the National show that featured a new generation of died June 8 in a hospital in Lima. artists who would become major figures in Brazilian modern art.

trademark simplicity and serenity that would mark his later works.

"His biggest contribution was seeking a balance between the modern probtems of technology that becomes outdated every day and human values of an earlier age," said Julio Roberto Kat-insky, director of the school of architecture and city planning at the University of Sao Paulo.

Maria Reiche, 95, Curator Of Nazca Lines in Peru New York Times Service

Maria Reiche, 95, who spent a halfcentury as the self-appointed guardian of Friday in Manhattan. an obscure pre-incan culture's most mysterious legacy — a vast, dazzling tableau of giant birds, animals, plants and intricate geometric patterns School of Fine Arts, He organized an art scratched into the stark desert floor -

to South America to tutor a diplomat's computers.

Mr. Costa won the commission to children, Ms. Reiche abandoned all other design the Brazil Pavilion at the New pursuits in 1941 to devote her life to the York World's Fair in 1939. The result, a Nazca lines. It remains a mystery, after two-story building with glass walls look- almost 60 years of scholarly scrutiny. ing out on a pond of water lilies, bore the why the Nazcan people would decorate desert mesas with figures so large their shapes could not even be discerned before the age of aviation 2,000 years later.

Largely as a result of Ms. Reiche's work as curator, the Nazca lines became a major tourist attraction and were designated a world heritage site by Unesco

Lewis Young, 73, Former Editor In Chief of Business Week New York Times Service

Lewis H. Young, 73, a former editor in chief of Business Week who expanded the horizons of business reporting, died

Mr. Young died of a heart attack as he was leaving his office at Cahners Publishing Co., where he was editorial director of Electronic News.

Mr. Young was among the first husiness magazine editors to emphasize cov-An adventuresome German who came erage of technology, electronics and



President Milosevic of Yugoslavia, left, being greeted by the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeni Primakov, at talks in Moscow on Tuesday.

NANNY: U.S. Court Frees British Au Pair Jews Won't Oppose Anti-Swiss Sanctions

WASHINGTON — The World Jewish Congress, a key group in negotiations with Swiss banks, witt not oppose efforts by U.S. state governments to impose sanctions against Swiss financial institutions, a Jewish source close to the issue

said Tuesday.

A World Jewish Congress spokesman in New York declined to comment, saying the group "had not yet formulated its position."

But the source said the World Jewish Congress had decided not to oppose sanction efforts, adding that Jewish negotiators had decided not to take part in the next round of talks with Swiss banks scheduled for June 23 in Washington.

Jewisb negotiators are angry with a Swiss bank offer of about \$550 ntillion to settle lawsuits and other claims for Holocaust-era assets that were deposited in Swiss banks during the war and never returned to their rightful owners or heirs af-

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court in Boston, seeking to block any attempt by Miss Woodward to profit from their son's death through book. movie, or relevision deals.

The child's grandmother said she was saddened by the state court ruling.
"I'm not angry, but you lose faith in the justice system, you really do," said

Achamma Eappen in a telephone interview from her suburban Chicago During the trial, prosecutors claimed

that Miss Woodward violently shook the baby, Matthew, causing his head to strike a hard object and ultimately leading to his death in February 1997. The defense lawyers contended that

Matthew's death was the result of a preexisting injury and complained that they were not allowed to conduct an independent autopsy. They further alleged that prosecutors withheld evidence that could have exonerated Miss Woodward.

But prosecutors complained that reducing the sentence amounted to giving Miss Woodward only a slap on the wrist and maintained in their pleadings that the decision by the trial judge was "tainted by legal error."

Had the original murder conviction been upheld. Miss Woodward could have been imprisoned for between 20 years and life, with no possibility of parole for at least 15 years.

The appeals panel, however, ruled Tuesday that Judge Zobet did not en when he reduced Miss Woodward's sentence to manslaughter.

"He concluded that Woodward was guilry of a most serious crime - for mans laughter is such a crime." the panel

She stands guilty of causing an infant's violent death," the panel added. "The outcome of this criminal trial most

assuredly was not an acquittal." A dissenting opinion by Justice John Greaney describes Miss Woodward as a felon" and recommends that she should

never care for other people's children. Miss Woodward had been ordered to remain in Massachusetts pending the appeal. Supporters in her home village of Elton, in northwest England, greeted

the court decision Tuesday with joy.
Roy McCabe, a family friend, said: We can hardly believe it, everyone as you can imagine is absolutely over the moon. The main thing is that she is coming home."

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INTERNATIONAL



COPTS CALL FOR PEACE - Some of the 3,000 Eritrean Coptic Christians, mainly women, rallying Tuesday in Asmara, the Eritrean capital, to pray for peace in the country's war with Ethiopia over disputed borders.

BRIEFLY

Iraq Sees Worldwide Support For Lifting of UN Sanctions

BACHDAD - Iraq said Tuesday that an agreement with United Nations inspectors that could wrap up disarmament verification in a few months was a breakthrough and an expression of growing international desire for an end to UN sanctions.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said that the weekend agreement could pave the way for Iraq to be declared free of weapons of mass destruction by October.

Many people in the world are saying "enough is enough" and Iraq "is entitled to lifting of the sanctions," Mr. Aziz told reporters. (Reuters)

Ambush Reported in Algeria

ALGIERS - Muslim rebels killed 10 Algerian soldiers and a pro-government militiaman in an ambush in northern Algeria, an Algiers daily said Tuesday.

It was the worst reported attack on soldiers since April. when guerrillas raided a military post and killed at least 30 soldiers. The daily El Watan said government troops retaliated for the ambush, killing 42 rebels. (Reuters)

U.S. Visa Lottery Lures Cubans

HAVANA — Hundreds of Cubans crowded post of-fices in the capital on the first day to mail in applications

for a lortery for U.S. visas,
Several dozen people also gathered Monday outside
the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, but they were
reminded that applications bad to be sent by mail. (AP)

For the Record

Helped by emergency U.S. aid and advisers, Mexican firefighters were close to taming a two-month fire that has ravaged the precious Chimalapas jungle reserve near Cintalapa in southern Mexico.

Heaviest Shelling Yet Rocks Guinea-Bissau

said the government was get-

ting the upper hand. According to the Portuguese press agency Lusa, the bombardment lasted for about 90 minutes and was concentrated on the Bra military complex on the city's they held on Sunday. outskins, which the rebels have held since the uprising

began June 7. In a report from Bissau, Lusa said huge columns of smoke could be seen rising from the sprawling garrison, part of which had already been recaptured by govern-ment forces and their Sene-galese and Guinean allies.

There was no immediate word on casualties. Lusa said that few of the city's 300,000 population were left in Bissau, with the rest having fled former armed forces' com-

LISBON — The heaviest lack of drinking water and shelling yet in Guinea-Bissau's 10-day military revolt rocked the capital Tuesday as a senior loyalist commander said by telephone from Geneva.

The deputy chief of staff of the army, Lieutenant Colonel Afonso Te. told Portuguese journalists Tuesday in Bissau that rebels had been forced to fall back from positions that

The rebels have had to retreat because they could not hold on to the positions that

they took," he said.
Colonel Te did not say whether loyalist forces had succeeded in taking full control of Bra, which is close to the city's airport. Regaining control of the airport has been one of the central military objectives of the government of President Joao Bernardo Vieira's since the revolt began.

But Colonel Te said that be was confident that it was just the fighting, which was a matter of time before loy-triggered by the sacking of a alist forces flushed out the insurgents.

The U.S. Embassy burned Thousands of people re- after a rebel shell hit a fuel portedly were camping out- deposit in the compound, side the city. A Catholic mis- Lusa said. The embassy, sion in Nhacra-Mansoa, which is near the rebel strong-Lusa said. The embassy. about 50 kilometers northeast hold at Bra, was empty. The of Bissau on the road to Sen- last staff members abandoned egal, reported more than the building over the week-150,000 refugees in the area. end. (Reuters, AP)

BOOKS

PARK CITY

New and Selected Stories By Ann Beattle, 478 pages. \$25. Alfred A. Knopf.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

Dylan lyric in the title story of Ann Beattie's strong new col-lection, "Park City: New and Selected Stories." The narrator, who's looking after her balf sister's boyfriend's daughter, Lyric, at a fantasy resort in Park City, Utah, continues:

"What compounds the problem is that once any group starts to be condescended to in the guise of being catered to -- once ynppies say yes, and buy the yuppified Oreos they're offered — it's all over. They're taking the bait, they're eating saltpeter, they're becoming impervious to excess, and to surprise. They're just more people trying to keep up the excitement level by having adventure weddings, adventure honeymoons, adventure babies.

Beame's previous fiction comprises six novels and five story collections, and while the message of the statement

overtly.

range from seven to nearly 40 author's technique.

and the earliest, an experience posed on chaos. of sufficient subtlety and comlimited space to the following gross generalizations: Gone is the deadpan style of the early and middle stories, in which Beattie lays out on a dissecting table the behavior of her disaffected postcounterculture the reader to do the anatomizing. Gone, too, are the stabs of lyricism of the middle period, particularly the endings that try poetically to recapitulate the story's action but feel

tacked on and artificial. events dominate the action: A young man dies of AIDS ("Second Question"); an 8year-old boy confesses to a theft that has caused the dismissal of a falsely accused about yuppies is implicit al- cleaning lady t"Cosmos"); a most everywhere, never be- young man commits an act of

fore has it been articulated so emotional vandalism ("Za- figures joined at the hip floatlla`): a couple becomes em-This outspokenness is broiled in a birter marital spat ical-fish aquarium. characteristic of all eight new that lasts for four days ("The

stories in this volume, which Four-Night Fight"). But more significant, the pages and are followed by se- narrator's attitude seems deflections from Beattie's pre- inite. In "Cosmos," the But oh, Bobecito, we are vious collections. These are woman who is living with the already no longer arranged chronologically, thieving boy's father decides young," says the narrator to which allows the reader to not to walk out even though herself in response to a Bob trace the development of the she bas just learned the father has been cheating on ber. The It also lets one see the con-title's several meanings sug-cocious 14-year-old Lyric trast between the latest stories gest that order is being im-

> In "The Four-Night plexity to reduce one in this Fight," the busband finally makes peace through a touching gesture of apology. The narrator seems relieved, concluding with only the faintest echo of irony, "What couple does not occasionally fight?"

> In the best of these stories. yuppies and then leaves it up to Beattie's ability both to commit herself and to knit her commitment into the finest needlework of her artistry contrasts sharply with the irritating moral passivity of her earlier work.

Which isn't to say that she's In the new stories, definite not as amusingly inventive as ever. In "Zalla," the narrator explains that at night the file character, a woman from Belize, "watches James Bond movies over and over on my mother's VCR." The narrator continues: "My mother sits in the TV room with her, restories. Carly Simon singing 'Nobody Does It Better' in 'The Spy Who Loved Me' as my mother's reading about

up by a sponge cutout of two

ing on the surface of a

Like Beattie's earlier stories, the ones in "Park City" concern people trapped, love betrayed, children abused, emotions diminished, friends failing to communicate, life running down, senses becoming blurred. These themes are all touched opon in the brilliant title story, where the presays of the resort where the characters are staying: "I'd actually say there's something de-energizing about this place. But that's true of any place that

seems artificial, I guess."
Yet the story's language doesn't become de-energized, as it might bave done in one of the author's earlier phases. Instead it makes its points with striking imagery. When the narrator has a three-dimensional computer-generated photograph taken of herself. she foresees what will happen to her as a result of the shocks

she is about to undergo.

'As the background, I selected rockets being fired, but when you first looked at the picture it seemed to be just nice abstract shades of red and yellow in a sort of berringbone partern. I apparently selected some other element I didn't realize I was choosing, because when I saw the picture, reading Dickens. She says the all the rockets were rising as a James Bond movies provide maze, and I was above the wonderful soundtracks for the maze, floating '2001'-ish, stories. Carly Simon singing tipped slightly forward. I ended up looking like some monstrous apparition with weird war paint that had already descended from space Mr. Pickwick."

In "The Siamese Twins
Go Snorkeling," the subtle
their time going exploring."

The rockets hat go off in

tender, a couple be house-sits the best of these new stories for in Key West and a dying waste nobody's time, neither reef are effectively summed theirs nor ours.

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EDITORIALS/OPINION

Charade in Cambodia

Since the Cambodian strongman Hun Sen staged a coup nearly one year ago, much of the international community has sought to restore democracy to that Southeast Asian nation. But from the start Hun Sen has been eager to conduct a sham election that would perpetuate his rule, safeguard him from any real challenge and get the inter-national community off his back. Some outside nations have seemed willing to tolerate such a farce, on the theory that anything else would be too hard and too unlikely. Others - including, at least until recently, the United States - have insisted on a real election.

Now the July 25 vote that Hun Sen scheduled is approaching, and the signs are discouraging. It is true that opposition politicians who fled for their lives have, in some cases, returned; that opposition parties are operating and holding rallies; that some newspapers critical of the government are being published. Some of the trappings of democracy are in place. But these institutions are mostly props for a Hun Sen-directed charade.

During and after the coup, and as recently as late April, close to 100 political murders took place, mostly of opposition politicians and their sup-porters. No one has been arrested, tried or punished for these killings; according to a recent United Nations report. the government has not even begun to investigate in most cases. As a result, fear and intimidation are pervasive.

There are many other serious obstacles to a credible election: national and local election commissions under Hun Sen's control; radio and television that give virtually no access to the

opposition; Hun Sen's campaign to thumbprint voters as they "voluntarily" join his party, a ploy to persuade people that on election day their ballots will be checkable. But it is the surrounding context of fear that makes each obstacle so overwhelming.

This bleak situation would seem to leave America and its allies with two options, both unattractive. They could urge a postponement of the vote, which would indicate their disapproval but might just give Hun Sen more time to consolidate his power. More plausibly, they could accept the July 25 date but lay down clear benchmarks now that Cambodia would have to meet for its election to be judged credible and for Cambodia to win back, after July 25, its United Nations seat and foreign aid.

Unfortunately, the Clinton administration is giving hints of leaning toward a third, even less attractive option: accepting the election results without much of a fuss. In recent congressional testimony, the administration's tone was disturbingly rosy. It spoke of op-position leaders 'operating freely,' took credit for 'significant progress' and said results now 'will largely depend upon the Cambodians them-selves; how they exercise their right to

vote and the candidates they choose." This is just not so. The results depend upon Hun Sen, and whether he will loosen his authoritarian grip during the campaign and allow political killers to be brought to justice. That can happen only with strong outside pressure. Bogus claims of success will only betray a Cambodian population that has been too often betrayed in this century.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Requirements in Iraq

It was startling to hear Ricbard Builer, the chief UN weapons inspector for fraq, declare on Monday that a more cooperative attitude in Baghdad may now make it possible to conclude the search for concealed biological and chemical weapons and prohibited missiles in just a few more months. Mr. Butler is not known for optimistic forecasts about Iraqi behavior, and Baghdad seldom cooperates for very long.

lrag's lack of cooperation has prolonged the arms inspections, originally expected to be completed in six months, into what is now their eighth year. That in turn has prolonged the economic sanctions burdening Iraq's people. Baghdad has all along had the power to wind up the inspections by fulfilling its obligations to turn over records of its prohibited weapons programs to United Nations investigators.

Iraq must reveal what has happened to the anthrax and botulinum toxin it is known to have imported before the Gulf War and may since have multiplied. It must also account for the deadly VX nerve gas it is known to have manufactured and the medium-range missiles it has tried to build secretly from imported designs. UN expens believe that documentation for these programs may be stored on computers in buildings that weapons inspectors have been barred from in the past.

This documentation must be handed over, any illegal weapons must be destroyed and a long-term monitoring system must be put in place to detect future production of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons. Only then should the Security Council consider a timetable for lifting sanctions.

A Mass Kidnapping

President Bill Clinton has met the remainder, again unconsulted, were core moral requirement in making an official apology, with an offer of reofficial apology, with an offer of re-parations, to the 2,200-odd Latin Americans of Japanese descent who in World War II were swept up in a nightmare mass kidnapping by the U.S. government. The 2,200 were arrested at their Laun American homes on never defined and, as it turned out, groundless suspicions of sympathy for Japan. They were singled out, as Mr. Clinton put it in his apology, on the basis of "racial

prejudice and wartime hysteria." Brought to the United States, they had their passports and documents confiscated, leaving them helpless to combat being labeled illegal aliens. Thus were the victims of kidnapping sent to some of the same intemment camps where Japanese-Americans also were imprisoned. During the war, bundreds, unconsulted, were exchanged for American civilian prisoners in Japanese hands. After the war, most of the

were excluded from a 1988 settlement with the American government by which more than 80,000 Japanese-American former internees received an apology and reparations of \$20,000 for each eligible person. Only now, under the pressure of lawsuits and with the helping hand of the Justice Department's new civil rights chief, Bill Lann Lee, has the way opened to the Japanese Latins for a settlement of their own.

It is a grave matter for a country to apologize for a past offense. In this instance the call for it was clear. But it is hardly fair that Japanese Latins. whose lives were torn apart in a measure arguably surpassing that of Jap-anese-Americans, should be compensated on a lesser scale.

— THE WASHINGTON POST

Other Comment

English Menace in France

These nihilists are stealing their country's enjoyment of an otherwise glorious tournament, and this World Cup will never feel right as long as there are English supporters [in France]. There is a crushing shame to be felt from sharing a passport with the psychopaths who have tried to wreck Marseille. If England fans confinue to defile the country that is welcoming them, then the team must board a plane and come home.

This argument is advanced not on moral grounds, but on the basis that legions of futt-time and highly organized thugs cannot be allowed to imperil

the people and property of France. Granted, this would penalize the players and the vast majority of in-nocent supporters. [But] seasoned news reporters and photographers caught up in the melee [in Marseille on Monday confided that they have never been so scared.

The English alone among the 32 nations at this World Cup have come here to trade in maybem.

- Paul Hayward, chief sports writer, commenting from Marseille for The Daily Telegraph (London).

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Give Kosovo Permanent International Monitors

TIRANA, Albania — When future archaeologists dig up Albania, they will surely wonder what earthquake duced the bizarre layer cake that is Albania today.

They will find Communist-era concrete bunkers now decorated with "I love Leonardo DiCaprio" graffiti.

They will find a building in Tirana still bearing the washed-out slogans of the former Stalinist regime, overlooking a parking lot full of stolen Mercedeses. (It is said that 80 percent of the cars in Albania today were stolen from somewhere in Europe and then resold here.) They will find a country where the

term "highway robbery" is not a meta-phor but a daily event — largely because Albania has still barely re-covered from the anarchy of March 1997, when the economy, which was then dominated by pyramid schemes,

cheating is so rampant that the 35thhighest taxpayer is an American-AlBy Thomas L. Friedman

occurred here in the 1990s that pro- Coopers & Lybrand accountants are auditing the work of Deloitte & Touche accountants who have been hired to liquidate the pyramid schemes.

Meanwhile, in the streets outside these Western accounting firms, there are regular shoot-outs between rival gangs that are unfamiliar with the standards of Coopers and Deloitte and who think "liquidation" is something you do to your enemies.

What the archaeologists will surmise is that Albania must have been a very poor, fragile place, where the veneer of civilization and legality was wafer-thin. And they will be right.
This is critical to keep in mind when

thinking about Kosovo - the neighboring Serbian province populated largely by ethnic Albanians, thousands of whom have been driven into Albania

As one of America's 10p Balkan collapsed, wiping out many people's savings and the government as well.

They will find a country where tax

They will find a country where tax of whom have been driven into Albania Kosovo of Albanians must be stopped. not only because of the bumanitarian banian pizza parlor in Tirana.

They will find a country where disaster it represents but beca could destabilize all of Albania. disaster it represents but because it

thousands of refugees, and its politics cannot afford to be dragged into a Greater Albania campaign - a campaign that Albania's nasty former President Sali Berisha, who runs a private fief in the gangster-ridden north, is now trying to stoke up as his vehicle for

riding back to power in Tirana. "Albania today is divided between two political trends," says the Albanian writer Fatos Lubonja. 'One is a sort of romantic Albanian nationalism that talks about helping our brothers in Kosovo. The other is a [realization] that the government bere is weak and people are fed up with the country and many of them dream only of escaping.

"If the fighting in Kosovo isn't stopped, there are people here who will manipulate this nationalistic trend in order to destabilize the new government,

experts, Herb Okun, points out, "Bos-nia implodes. Albania explodes." Bosnia was surrounded by two larger powers, Serbia and Croatia, which wanted to squeeze it between them Explosion. so they could both bite off chunks. Al-

Albania's economy cannot afford bania has no such hard walls around it. Significant numbers of Albanians are now spread out between Albania proper and neighboring Macedonia. Kosovo, Montenegro and Greece. A war in Kosovo that triggers ethnic Albanian separatism and instability in Albania could easily spread to these other unstable countries. That is why Kosovo is the fuse but Albania is the bomb.

The Problem

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So what to do? NATO's air show for Serbia on Monday was a good start. Because ultimately this neighborhood cannot solve Kosovo --- peacefully --on its own. The only conceivable diplomatic solution requires international monitors permanently stationed inside Kosovo to ensure that the Serbs restore and maintain the cultural and political autonomy of Kosovo's Albanians. along with monitors on the Albania-Kosovo border to ensure that Kusovo separatists cannot smuggle in guns to force a military solution of their own.

This is a neighborhood of many fantasies - Greater Serbia, Greater Macedonia, Greater Albania. If left to themselves they will produce a Greater

Nothing Much Can Be Done About Kosovo and Future Kosovos

NEW YORK — Our bearts may be in the right place, but there is nothing much we can do about the place called Kosovo — or the next dozen Kosovos. This is another of the civil or border wars that keep peacemakers and arms-makers busy between world wars.

It is possible that we may never see another world war, thanks to the terrible deterrence of nuclear weapons. But that just means there will be more and more small and vicious wars of the kind plaguing the Balkans and Africa and the Middle East and, soon, South and Southeast Asia.

The only way to stop or, rather, interrupt these horrors is to occupy these places for a couple of hundred years, Then, on the day we leave, they will be at each other's throats again. Who are "we"? We are the

Sole Superpower or we are NATO or Europe or the West. And we are at least as helpless as we are well-intentioned. The word "border" is the By Richard Reeves

and those to come. Much of the world lives within boundaries created in this century by conquering and colonizing Western powers. It was, for instance, the young Winston Churchill wbo drew

borders on a map early in this century to create what we now call Jordan, Israel and Syria. Western foreigners created Rwanda and Burundi. Yugoslavia, the country of Serbs, Croats, Bosnians and Albanians was put together by the victors of World War II. The lines look good on

globes and maps, but real life at the end of the 20th century is quite different from those imposed boundaries. The reality was described best by Brian Urquhart, a former undersecretary-general of the United Nations, when he said the world now has 300 countries but 3,000 nations.

"Separatist movements" is things worse.

key to this dilemma in Kosovo modern jargon for a level of modern chaos that includes ethnic, linguistic, religious and tri-bal differences. One of the bloodiest of separatist struggles was the war between Northerners and Southerners (without significant ethnic differences) in the United States of America from 1861 to 1865. Does anyone think that foreigners, including the superpowers England and France, could

have prevented that conflict? At best foreigners can postpone such wars or the resolution of civil or border disputes. That happened in Vietnam, it is happening in Korea and it will happen in Indonesia and in Kashmir. The propagators of faith in NATO and other proponents of superpower peacemaking delude themselves and their citizens.

Sometimes the great powers can make things better for a time, sometimes they make

The delusions of the only su-perpower of the day, the United to ban the use of land mines. Its es, include exaggerations of the efficacy of airpower and the idea of nonproliferation.

We learned in Vietnam and America makes and uses. Iraq, or should have learned. that the devastation and destruction by bombs and missiles from on high are spectacular but do not fundamentally change conditions on the ground. Big booms scare the enemy but do not defeat him. You cannot defeat people willing to die for their land if you are not willing to do the same.

As for nonproliferation, a month ago the government of the United States believed that Indians and Pakistanis would subscribe to the fundamentally nutty idea that only the Americans and other "advanced" countries could have nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

Recently the United States condemned Serbia for littering its border regions with land mines, but in fact the United States is one of the few coun-

argument is that crude land mines should be banned but not the "smart" mines that

Nonproliferation is, and always has been, an international joke. An old one. Karl Marx was wrong about many things. but he was right when he said that if you wanted to hang the capitalists they would sell you the rope. Weapons are always there, cash on delivery. Or, to put it another way, death and destruction are just commodities in the global marketplace.

Fine words from afar do not have the range to end these wars over boundaries. In fact, even international law, if there truly is such a thing, applies only to countries, not to wars within country borders old and new.

Only the people buying weapons and using them on land that they claim have the power to stop the killing of each other in Kosovo.

Universal Press Syndicate

Japan Should Have Turned Itself Around Six Years Ago

TOKYO — As the yen con-tinues to fall, experts worldwide say it is due to severe loss of confidence in the Japanese economy. In Japan, the experts

ing interest rates in Japan. With the official discount rate stuck at 0.5 percent, and many depositors in Japan getting less than I percent interest for their money, it was inevitable that they would eventually begin to look abroad. When they did, it was inevitable that the yen would begin to weaken.

Anyone who keeps his money in yen is losing not just the interest spread but also the exchange gains, a total of well over 10 percent per annum for the past five years.

What is surprising is not the

By Gregory Clark

the absence of collapse years early '90s. Worse, once the colago when it was already clear lapse got under way there was that the economy would not resay it is Nippon uri, or the selling out of Japan. But the Timidity, misguided patriot-

main reason, surely, is the ex- ism and optimism for early retraordinary situation surround- covery were the main reasons was the then prime minister and 1980s recessions to push their why most Japanese kept their Keynesian economist Klichi money in Japan. It has taken the Miyazawa, back in 1992. Bur. as best part of five years, and some he said on a recent television easing of the rules on sending program, his proposal then for money abroad, for depositors to get smart.

Rather than loss of confidence or the selling out of Japan, what we see now is a belated understanding of how foreign exchange markets work.

Similarly with the economy generally. It has long been ob-Japan's, could stand a sudden collapse of the grossly inflated us variously that all would be asset values built up during Jayen collapse we see today but pan's bubble economy of the inefficient financial instint-

every chance that it would spir-

al. Even interest rates at close to the government to step in decisively to rescue bank loans

collapsing asset values was derided on every side, and by the business community especially. Right through until very recently, the business and other "experts" - many heavily invious that no economy, not even fluenced by imported Reaganite/Thatcherite policies — told

tion, privatized the post office starved economy. system, moved to small government, reformed its administration, increased the ratio of The one person to realize this many in the West used the is at last being promised.

own private agendas. In particular, we had the unbelievably foolish attempt late last year to introduce an item that had long been high on the Finance Ministry agenda, namely. already turning sour because of a long-term program of severe fiscal restraint — at precisely the moment when the economy needed fiscal expansion.

Meanwhile, U.S. experts were urging their favorite agenda item, massive tax cuts in a nation where high savings propensity and current pessimism guarantee that such cuts well if Japan simply bankrupted will simply end up as extra sav-

tions, embraced full deregula- needed by Japan's demand-

Fortunately, the politicians have at last begun to stop listening to these experts. Firm action indirect to direct taxes, and so to expand government spending on. It was similar to the way and rescue the banking system

These moves may be in time to rescue the economy. But things would have been much better, for Japan and the rest of Asia, if they had come in 1992.

The writer, a former Anstralian diplomat, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Big Change Is Unlikely

COR the Asian economic I meltdown to end, and real recovery to take place, Japan must restructure. That won't be easy. What Japan needs is a bigger revolution than Margaret Thatcher brought to Britain of Franklin D. Roosevell brought to the United States.

Japan needs to become an open, consuming country, running large trade delicits with its Pacific neighbors to help them grow out of recession.

Every day the news from Asia shows how critical this is for the United States. Stability in China, Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea is a vital national interest for the United Mr. Tung is chief executive of States, and Washington is doing everything it can think of to get adapted from a keynote address Japan to take the necessary on Monday at the 1998 Auston is virtually certain to fail.

Walter Russell Mead, in the Los Angeles Times.

Asian Sins Alone Don't Explain This Crisis

By Tung Chee-hwa

MELBOURNE—Less than
a year ago, Asia was still buoyed by years of continuous growth and prosperity. It seemed atility of the global financial ready to shrug off numerous markets can have a devastating structural weaknesses and conimpact in emerging economies where institutions are not fully tinue its march into the next century. But those weaknesses in developed. some Asian nations triggered a The entire banking systems of financial crisis that has rever-

berated around the world. Its causes and effects are complex. But in those countries which have been badly hit, there was a combination of private sector overborrowing, inad-equate bank regulation, poor risk management, governmental subsidies and policy errors at the corporate and banking levels, both national and international. These are major flaws that need to be addressed if Asia is to

regain its economic vitality. But are these the only causes of the contagion in the region, which massive loan assistance programs from the IMF have at

times seemed unable to stem? Before the crisis erupted, the IMF, the World Bank and international rating agencies were saying that these same countries had exceptionally good growth prospects. Domestic savings were high, substantial progress had been made toward more open markets for both goods and capital, and investment had

flourished gone wrong; the problem is not regional but international.

Open capital markets should and could offer buge potential in speeding and sustaining economic growth. There are clear examples of these benefits in

economy and help stabilize the

Indonesia, Thailand or Malaysia are comparable to one good-sized regional bank in the United States. Their economic output is smaller than the funds controlled by such financial houses. In the electronic age, huge sums move around the world every day with an ease and rapidity

never experienced before. In 1996, the flow of funds into Asia, excluding China and Japan, was more than \$100 biltion. In 1997, there was an outflow of more than \$100 billion. Such changes impose an impossible situation on the af-

fected nations. The existing structure for global trade and finance was designed some 50 years ago. It should be upgraded to cope with contemporary conditions. We need a new international financial architecture that is

The financial crisis in Asia has been painful for all economies in So something else must have workforce, a very high savings

more suited for today.

the region, yet the fundamentals in Asia have not changed. We still have a young and flexible rate, openness to trade and ideas, and an indomitable spirit to improve ourselves. However, some glaring un-

certainty needs to be resolved.

economy in the world, has

Japan, the second largest

same time, the recurrent vol- all concerned at the weakening yen. However, Japan has tremendous savings and external assets. With appropriate policies, the Japanese authorities will be able to revive their

> Asian region. With the devaluation of the yen and many other Asian currencies, China's competitiveness will suffer somewhat. Will China have to depreciate its currency as well? In my view, the answer is "no." China's leaders are committed not to devalue.

In 1997, China's exports increased by nearly 21 percent and it recorded a trade surplus of \$40 billion. Its current account surplus amounted to 3.3 percent of GDP, and its foreign currency reserves stood at \$140 billion, the second targest in the world. China's economy expanded by 9 percent last year, while inflation was less than 3 percent. Its budget deficit was only 0.8 percent of GDP.

On these figures, China meets all the Maastricht criteria laid down for the introduction of European monetary union.

China's trade surpluses will decline, but on the whole it will continue to be internationally competitive. Meanwhile, the effect of devaluation on the manufacturing costs of other Asian countries is likely to lead to higher inflation, import costs and interest rates in their economies.

I expect the Asian financial crisis to bottom out in a number of years. There will then be that country districts of Russia slow but sure progress toward are being swept by religious Asia and elsewhere. At the fallen into recession, and we are recovery. We have the re-

sources and capacity in the re-gion to bounce back.

We must work together more closely to rebuild our vision of shared growth and prosperity. What we need now is the confidence to do so.

Hong Kong. This comment is ıralia Sunmii in Melhourne.orgonized by the Interuntional Herald Tribune

1898: Peace Prospects

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

MADRID - The 'Heraldo,' commenting tonight [June 16] on the question of peace, which is discussed by all the papers, says: "Will there be peace? General Primo de Rivera thinks so, Senor Moret thinks so, the Government thinks so. Public opinion in Spain thinks the exact contrary." The truth is that public opinion in Spain is that the country cannot make peace if she loses her colonies, and that now is the very moment when she can make the Americans suffer keenly. It looks as if pub-

1923: Famine Nears

that peace is urgently needed.

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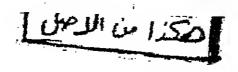
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WARSAW - Advices reaching here from Moscow show fervour directed against the

Bolshevist authorities because of the famine which is rapidly approaching. The gatherings peasants at the crossroad shrines express one of the most ominous reactions Russia has yet seen since the revolution. religion being the dearest thing to the peasants' hearts.

1948: 'War Psychosis'

LAKE SUCCESS — Andrei I. Gromyko. Russia's delegate, said today [June 16] that the ruling circles of the United States were clanking atomic weapons to put political pressure on Russia. He said in effect that Russia was not afraid of such moves and added that they would not succeed. He mentioned former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as a meinber of the "ruling circles" who want to wreck international atomic control and increase the war psychosis which Mr. Gromyko said exists in the United States.



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OPINION/LETTERS

The Problem With Fundamentalists

ONDON — The South-em Baptist Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, adopted a declaration last week intended to reinforce traditional

Christian family values. Based on the Epistle to the Ephesians, a text that may or may not have been written by wife is to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ."

Not surprisingly, the declaration bas been received Southern Baptists condone with some dismay by women's groups, liberal Christians and those who have noticed that social and familial con-ditions in modem America in common, as the first Chrisdiffer somewhat from those of first-century Asia Minor.

In a society where many families depend on both par- if so, how do they manage to ents' jobs, and where women mivest in the stock market, put are as likely to earn a salary as savings into pensions or even men, it seems, to those who have a bank account? Christ are not conservative evangelicals, as impractical as it is lay up treasure at all. undesirable to try to recreate the ethics and behavioral patterns of a vanished age.

One is tempted to wonder how many of the 16 million evil? Does the Southern members of the Southern Baptist Convention embrace Baptist Convention — they pacifism? include President Bill Clinion, Vice President Al Gore damentalists have to be highly and News Gingrich, the speaker of the House - really try to impose "servant leadersbip over their wives and. if they do, whether the wives

"submit graciously." Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, is im- Torah as a dirty word. penitent. The declaration has been made at a time of "grow-ing crisis in the family" and, But where does that leave says Mr. Mohler, the submis- their anitude to the Jewish sion of wives to husbands is Scriptures? How many Chrisclearly revealed in Scriptian fundamentalists in Amerture." It is "God's pattern."

come unstuck once you begin to challenge them.

A year ago, the Southern Baptists called for a boycon of the Walt Disney company on the ground that it condoned homosexuality. Saint Paul Saint Paul, it asserts that "a (Romans 1:27) condemned men with men working that which is unseemly." So if you take the view that Saint Paul was infallible, it looks

like an open and shut case.

But does that mean that slavery (as Paul does in his Epistle to Philemon)? Do the Southern Baptists pool all their tians did? Do they condemn usury — as do all biblical texts that refer to the subject - and taught us that we should not

What about the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, that we should bless our enemies and not resist Baptist Convention embrace

Even the most fervent funselective in their fundamentals. They want to believe that every word of Scripture is God's word, and therefore infallible. But paradoxically their hero is Saint Paul, who R. Albert Mohler Jr., pres- entirely overturned the Jewish ident of the Southern Baptist reverence for the letter of the law and who regarded the

They try to make Paul into ica today keep the Jewish di-The attempts by those such etary laws? How many of

By A. N. Wilson

One would rather not know the answer to that question.] Yet all these things are part "biblical morality."

The truth is that if you want to extract a template of sexual New Testament - leaving anyone who is not a conseraside the Old Testament for the moment — you will find that the texts yield highly confusing results.

in a cosmopolitan, commercial middle class world in

They deify a mid-20th century, middle class, Western way of life.

which several of his women friends - Lydia is a conspicuous example, Priscilla another — ran their own businesses and were the heads of the churches in their localities.

The text in which Paul tells the Corinthians that "women should keep silent in church' is obviously an interpolation hy a later, misogynist Christian scribe, since earlier in the of women prophesying.

Paul thought the world was about to end. Far from having a cozy 1950s-style ideal of family life, he advised his followers not to marry at all. The early church was consistently bostile to family life and held desert dropouts. It is safe to say that none of the saints or heroes of the early church would have been welcome at a Southern Baptist Convention.

Cross-question conservative evangelicals closely and as Mr. Mohler to be true fun-damentalists very readily theresees? (On second thought, that their religion consists in

middle class, Western way of life. A few stray texts chosen at random from the confusing

and multifarious pages of the Bible serve as useful bats with which to hammer the heads of homosexuals, divorced wommorality and politics from the en, Jews and more or less

vative evangelical.

That said, my heart does rather bleed for them. Truly. They have seen a terrible prob-Paul, for instance, moved lem, but they have found a solution that is not just terrible in itself, it is a nonsolution. The problem is the ethical dissolution of America and Europe, a-collapse of any shared value systems or any way in which we can talk to one another

about right and wrong.

A true biblical faith recognizes that the Bible is not a book of answers. It is the story uf the human race gening it wrong, over and over and over again. Even Paul frequently contradicts himself. rebuking his own folly, harshness and intolerance.

Like us, he lived in a time of social and moral dissolution. The imaginative freedom that he sought from the bonds of is something truly exciting, if one could begin to grasp its meaning. It bas next to nothing to do with attempts same letter Paul had spoken to drag women into line - an amhition that, even if it were desirable, has been shown to be comically ineffectual since the time of Aristophanes.

The writer is the author of "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle" and "Jesus." up as role models ascetics, among other works. He concelibates, self-muolators and tributed this comment to The New York Times.

Eureka! Neutrino Makes Theorists' Day

NEW YORK — This month, a learn of physicists working deep inside a Japanese mine shaft announced that the neutrino, perhaps the most mys-terious particle in the universe, does indeed have mass.

Although fellow experimenters anplauded the discovery and the press reported it enthusiastically, the most joyous response came from theoretical physicists who devote much of their lives to conjuring up explanations of the universe and then must wait for

experimenters to prove them true. The neutrino, one of the building blocks of the universe, is the most ghostly of particles, inasmuch as it has evaded almost all methods of detection. Its story began in 1930 when experimenters studying the particles from the decay of radioactive materials were confounded by their flight path. The detected particles did not fly off at random but were skewed in a certain direction.

To make sense of this and also in retain some sense of harmony and balance, theorists hypothesized that an undetected particle, the so-called neutrino, must be flying off in the opposite direction. It took 20 more years before experimenters were able to prove that the neutrino really did exist and was not just a theoretical

More recently some theorists began tn believe that the neutrino has a minute mass, and over the last decade experimenters have been trying to prove or displove their hypothesis. However, they can measure a particle only when it interacts with their detector, and neutrinos are notoriously

reluciant to interact with anything. Unlike a photon of light, which will readily interact with the retina and he absorbed by a sprinkling of flimsy cells, a neutrino can pass through 6 trillion miles of lead without leaving **By Simon Singh**

any trace of its passage. It took one of the subtless measurements in history, made by one of the most sensitive of detectors, to confirm that the neutrino does indeed have mass.

This breakthrough illustrates that the progress of science is a continual to and fro between theorists and experimentalists. While the theorists sit with

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pencil and paper scribbling models of the universe, it is up to the experimentalists in the laboratory to find a way of testing these theories.

Occasionally, the experimentalists lead the way, generating results that force the theorists to revise their models or concoct new ones.

This was the case in the 1950s, when physicists discovered new particles the so-called particle zoo) whose presence had not been predicted by any existing theory.

Such a "paradigm shift" can have a traumatic impact on older theorists, who are left behind while a new generation picks up the pieces. A particularly striking example of this occurred in the early 1900s, when the quantum revolution upended physics. displacing an entire generation.

In recent years, theorists have been in the vanguard, postularing the Standard Model, which has been very successful at explaining experimental results. Since then, theorists have been developing new theories, some of them refinements of the Standard Model, others more radical.

The trouble is, it has been difficult to verify these new theories, because their predicted repercussions could not be tested by any known technology. So, while experimentalists tried to in-

vent better detectors, the theorists were pushing ahead, adding more hypotheses to theories that had yet to be proved. This created a house of cards. a beautifully constructed architecture of theories that rested on purely speculative foundations.

The only way to shore up these theories, or demolish them, was by experimentation, the ulnimate arbiter of truth. Sir Arthur Eddington, a formidable experimenter in the early 20th century, called experimentation "an incorruptible watchdog. Max Planck, one of the founders of quantum theory, said, "An experiment

Nature, and a measurement is the recording of Nature's answer. The challenge is in constructing the right experiment. And the scientists in

is a question which science poses to

Japan succeeded in doing this. Thanks to them, the hypothesis that the neutrino has a mass is now a demonstrable fact. This knowledge affects theories about the engine that powers the sun. It also may explain why astronomers see only a fraction of all the material they expect to find in the universe, and it should help determine the fate of the universe - will it expand forever or eventually collapse in on itself? All of this depends on the mass of the neutrino.

Theorists suspected the neutrino has a mass. Experimenters looked, and they found it. For most theorists this is a joyous occasion. But there are others whose theories have relied on a neutrino devoid of mass. For them this month's announcement destroys their hypothesis. It will mean erasing what is on the blackboard and starting all over again.

The writer, a former particle physicisi, is the amhor of "Ferman's En-igma." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Americans Have No Use for Absolutes

THE genius of the Amer-

ical liberty have coexisted in common with the views and the United States because behavior of the majority of most of us Americans have Americans. learned the importance of never practicing exactly vention, which justified the and their churches will tone what is preached to us. new declaration by referring down, if not ignore, the rhe-Many of us swear eternal fi- to biblical passages, believes toric of their leaders. delity to religious rules and that the Scriptures must be

The day after the Southern

Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State protested forced to pay for religious

Lican experiment has Mr. Lynn come from differ-

The Southern Baptist Con-

mentalism as puzzling as social jusoce. religious fundamentalism. After all, America bas long that "taxpayers shouldn't be had what sociologists call a "civic religion" that couches the special destiny of the

The Baptist leaders and nation in spiritual language.

America's compromise bebeen to reconcile God and ent ends of the spectrum, but tween God and freedom will they are both wedded to doc- survive. Most Americans will Religious faith and polit- trines that have very little in go their own, sensible way, as al liberty have coexisted in common with the views and they have always dooe. That is why, despite this latest declaration, Southern Bapost women will continue to work, vention, which justified the and their churches will tone.

And it is also wby groups then beed those rules to fit obeyed literally. The same such as Mr. Lynn's, which secular reality.

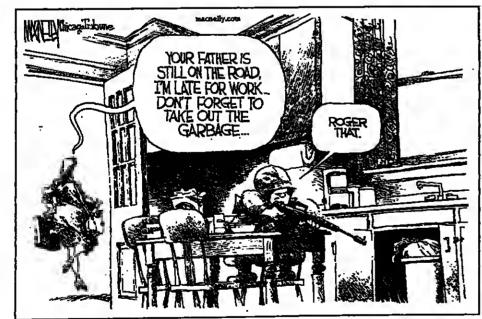
can be said of First Amend- urge strict separation of ment absolutists, who read church and state, risk losing Baptist Convention declared the U.S. Constitution, a text support among constituents that a woman should "submit sacred to them, as though its tradioonally associated with herself graciously" to her hus-prohibition of an establish-the left: African-Americans band, the Wisconsin Supreme ment religion also forbade and Latinos, both among the Court ruled that parents can any and all connections be most religious of America's use publicly financed vouchers to send their children to
church-affiliated schools.

Tween God and government.

Many Americans find
who believe that religion has
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> - Alan Wolfe, a sociology professor at Boston University. commenting in The New York Times.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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KAREN TALBOT.

San Francisco.

Kurds in Turkey.

move toward war.

On Kosovo

Though I believe in the nonviolent resolution of confliet, the brutal repression of Kosovo's Albanian majority does not leave any room for negooated settlement.

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MAHMOOD ELAHI. Ottawa.

Why the saber rattling and military maneuvers near Kosovo? We Americans deserve to know the real reasoos behind a move that

could start a conflagration. A Tax Plan The key quesoon is: Who stands to gain? Geographi-

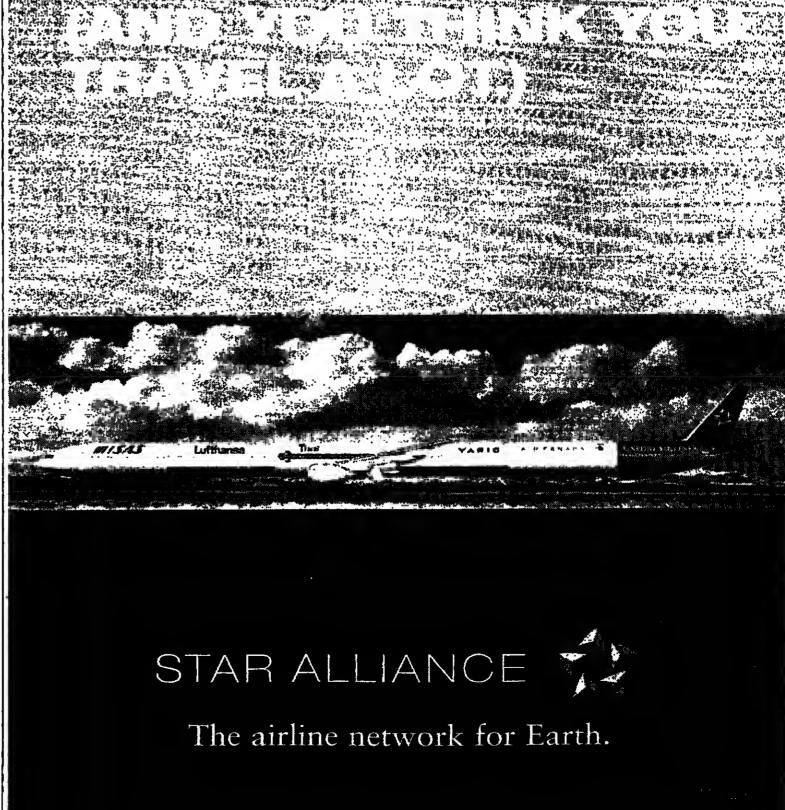
Regarding "Price of Crude Plunges by 7%" (Finance cally. Kosovo is in a corridor June 16): that has been used over the centuries for European access

With the substantial drop to the Middle East. Today Kosovo, like the rest of the in internacional crude oil prices — down 32 percent this year — the U.S. gov-ernment bas a unique and Balkans, is also a key area in unusual opportunity to gen-The hypocrisy of "defenderate a considerable amount ing Albanians in Kosovo is of revenue without causing in blatant contrast with U.S. the slightest hardship to its citizens.

An added 25 cents of federal gasoline tax would probpeople in Chiapas, Mexico: ably not raise the price of the massacres in East Timor, gas over its October level, provided the middlemen can restrain their greed.

The results of this painless Let's use our tax dollars to tackle joblessness, oppres- tax could go to diminish the sion, racism and discrim- \$5 trillion-plus national debt ination in university admis- and the resulting interest paysions in our own country. ments, which account for We need to protest this some 15 percent of all federal spending.

EDMUND LAZAR. · Lorgues, France.



Another Coltrane, A Different Sound

Treading Warily in a Father's Steps

EW YORK — It's a perfect indicator of jazz's restricted place in American society that Ravi Coltrane - the son of John Coltrane — was nobody special as a boy growing up in Woodland Hills. a suburb of Los Angeles, far away from the bohemian world.

He was nearly 2 when his father died of liver cancer in 1967, and the family moved from Long Island to the San Fernando Valley, where he lived with his mother, Alice Coltrane, and three siblings. Of course, he was suddenly somebody very significant when he arrived at the California Institute of the Arts to study tenor and soprano saxophone, because John Coltrane - who played the same instruments — is still the apo-theosis of the jazz sainthood myth. "When I went to Cal Arts," Col-

trane, 32, said, "I was starting out late, I couldn't play at all, and I had this name that people weren't used to dealing with. I coostantly kept this in my miod: I'm here to do one thing. I just wanted to learn about this music and see if I can deal with it as a player. And I'm still thinking like that.

After graduating, Coltrane moved to a second-floor apartment and rehearsal space overlooking a commercial aveoue in Queens in 1991, and started a long apprenticeship with various band leaders. including Elvin Jones. Jack De-Johnette. Wallace Roney, Joanne Brackeen and Steve Coleman.

Relaxed and athletic-looking, he sat at his piano bench a few weeks ago. slapping a chessboard queen into the palm of his hand while he talked, the phone ringing every few minutes.

There's a lot of stuff going on," he said, a bit regretfully. "Too much, sometimes, I'd rather be working than not working, but I think I'll get a better feel for things after this year is over." After appearing as a sideman on 29

records, Coltrane made a debut album, "Moving Pictures" (RCA/BMG), released last mooth. Since then he has played at Sweet Basil in New York, taken a few trips to Europe and has already been occasionally misquoted talking about his father in a rush of interviews.

"Moviog Pictures" is a rare jazz re-cord. It isn't dazzling; Ravi Coltrane's music works on you more slowly. He has a warm, streamlined tone, and he's partial to small, sharp motifs and pockets of silence rather than the endless stuffing of notes through complicated harmonic grids. Along with the tenor saxophonists Mark Turner and Greg Tardy, Coltrane is one of a growing number of jazz players in their early 30s who are mak-ing their mark, an age at which some of their own ideas about music have had time to cool and harden.

The positive effects of that waiting process is obvious to any listener. It's clear that Coltrane hasn't been bossed around by a producer. The first track on the record gives you the idea: It's Col-trane and the trumpeter Ralph Alessi playing free improvisations with the Ja-maican drum trio Ancient Vibrations, barely jazz at all.

Thereafter, the compositional ideas are kept simple, the drummer Jeff Watts turns in a memorable performance as rhythm predominates, and by the end of the album you're left with an accurate indication of Coltrane's talent. And, no, he sounds nothing like his father. Where John's music was urgent and prolix,

Ravi's is cool and concise. Coltrane has gained a sense of quiet pride and tact from living with his suroame, where others in his position might have spiraled off into brash delusions. From the start, he had been approached with offers to record as a band leader.

'From the minute I picked up the hom," he said, "I started to see that I was going to get some breaks that other guys wouldn't get." Some of those poiential breaks felt undeserved. "You can tell," he said firmly, "wheo somebody



Coltrane: "I had this name that people weren't used to dealing with."

as the 'Coltrane' thing in their eyes." But judging from his early recordings, it was clear that he wasn't ready; he hadn't learned how to shape his solos, and his tone bad rough patches.

E waited uotil the saxophonist and composer Steve Coleman, whom he trusted to presigned a production deal with BMG France: recording Ravi Coltrane was among Coleman's first priorities as a producer. Part of the album's pleasingly undefinable nature is due to Coleman's guidance. Coltrane had beoefited from spending three years in Coleman's band at a particularly salubrious time, when Coleman's curiosity about Afro-Cuban

music was blossoming; you can hear how Coleman's distinctively cropped rhythmic motifs were fertile suggestions for Coltrane's music.

Coltrane also credits his mother with supporting many of his decisions. Dur-ing his youth, he said, Alice Coltrane wasn't a stage mother. "She never

pushed music on us," he said. And his mother says she never ex-pected her children to take up the family trade. "I felt that was too much of a criterion to put over your children," she said. "What I made sure of as a mother was that music would be heard, that instruments were here. I didn't want them to reject music and feel that it was forced on them. They had a life filled with different options

$Swedish\,Ballet$ Savors 225 Years

By Anna Kisselgoff New York Times Service

TOCKHOLM — The Royal Swedish Ballet ended its 225thanniversary festival with a lively four-hour gala. During an eight-day marathon that included a delightful "Nutcracker" with a Swedish flavor, the company presented past and present repertory. The gala program did the same, with guest artists from France, Italy and Denmark, all countries works dancers and ballet masters played a role

in Swedish ballet's history. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia attended the performance on Sat-urday night at the Royal Opera House and led the standing ovation at the eod from the royal box. The king took some good-natured ribbing from Rolf Skoglund, an actor who gave a first-class impersonation of the 18th-century Swedish king Gustav III.

Addressing his French ballet master, Louis Gallodier (Isrvan Kisch), this Gustav recalled onstage that when he created his ballet company in 1773 be did not want it to be "a mere branch of the Paris Opera Ballet." It was to be Swedish in spirit and conteot. Catapulted into the present by the end of the program and looking around for someone of "equal rank," he told the current king that priority must be given

to support of the arts. Filippo Taglioni, an Italian ballet master who worked in Paris and Stockholm, was recalled by an excerpt from his 1832 version of "La Sylphide." Nicolas Le Riche, Elisabeth Platel and Karin Averty, the high-powered dan-cers from the Paris Opera Ballet, danced the Act I pas de trois from Pierre Lacone's familiar reconstruction, very different from the Danish version choreographed by August Boumonville in 1832. It was Taglioni's daughter, the Swedish-born Marie Tagliooi, who danced the original "La Sylphide."

But Bournonville was remembered

His French father, Anioine Bournooville, was a principal dancer in the Royal Swedish Ballet and he himself headed

the Swedish Royal Opera House from 1861 to 1864. Anne Marie Vessel, from the Royal Danish Ballet, choreographed a version of a scene from Bellman, an 1844 ballet that August Bournonville choreographed about Carl Michael Bellman (1740-95), a Swedish poet and composer still beloved for his songs about nature, love and drink.

Johan Kobborg and Henriette Muus from the Royal Danish Ballet were charming if muted in the mimed and danced love spat between Bellman and

Carla Fracci, a superstar from Italy, was giveo chiefly impressionistic images from Isadora Duncan's life and dances in "Homage to Isadora Duncan's Italy, worked can." Slowly but potently she worked her magic as a Duncan mourning her drowned children.

The choreography by Millicent Hod-son and Keoneth Archer is oot the best oo the Isadora theme but it works as a vehicle for Fracci, one of American Ballet Theatre's greatest ballerinas in the 1960s and 1970s. As Lena Nordin sang Schuberi's "Ave Maria," Fracci's dramatic power channeled the gestures of a mother cradling a child into an image of Duncan strangled by her scarf.

HE surprise of the second half of the festival was the "Nutcracker" choreographed by Par Isberg, a principal dan-cer who is oow the company's resideot choreographer.

He and Erik Naslund, the director of the Swedish Dance Museum, have fashioned a fresh and eogaging scenario that stays true to the spirit of the original 1892 "Nutcracker," but draws upon the Swedish children's books of Elsa Beskow (1874-1953).

Some of Tchaikovsky's music has been cut and this production is not a grand classical spectacle. But Isberg is impressively fluent in two big classical ensembles, the "Snowflakes" and the

Waltz of the Flowers. There is a wooderful use of folk forms, and the live nuicracker doll is here a traditional gift-bearer in a straw goat's mask

Tales From the Mines and Movies

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - Films routinely plunder so much of what is great about the British theater that it is good to see something paid back at last.

A couple of years ago. "Brassed Off" was Mark Herman's touching and savage account about the closing of yet another Yorkshire coal mine and the determination of the pit band to play on regardless. The film never got its full credit, largely and unluckily because it was overtaken all around the world by the huge success of the not dissimilar "Full Monty." But of the two, "Brassed Off" had the better script, and the dramatist Paul Allen has come up with a wondrous stage version, which plays the National's open Olivier stage only to the end of this month, on a visit from its native Sheffield Crucible.

From the moment the miners flood across the open stage, trombones raised and helmet lamps lighted, it is clear we are in for a good night. Whereas the film harked back to "This Sporting Life" and that whole Woodfall Films series of early '60s Nonhem movies, the play suggests a still longer heritage, going back to J.B. Priestley, Emlyn Williams and even the "pit" plays of D.H. Lawrence, all of whom saw the mines a metaphor for communities in peril.

Except that now it's all over. As a whole society fragments and dies, men who get up in the moming onty to see whether their luck has changed, and women who believe they were only put on earth to make up God's numbers, try to cope with the eod of an era. So Brassed Off is not just about a brass band in crisis. It's about all its players struggling against the Heseltine edict of 1992, which closed down more than half

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their pits. Their reactions, from pragmatic through suicidal to merely stubbom, and what happens to a community when its sole purpose for existence is suddenly taken away, is what this great and terrible story is all about.

At the Queen's, sharply timed to open with the World Cup. David Farr's "Elton John's Glasses" has two great center-forwards playing for it. Brian Conley in the lead and Terry Johnson as director. This is a curious script, which starts as a sitcom inspired by

paralyzed by his own inertia that THE ATER all he can do is stare at reruns of the moment in 1984 when Watford FC, on whose soccer field he virtually lives, lost the FA Cup. From there it lurches into a manic farce about a disastrous and thieving rock group, and finishes up in a tearful finale about a mother and daugh-

Tony Hancock about a loser so

ter in some sort of love with our hero. Johnson agilely stages all these shifts of mood with Conley as an adept antihero, but the rest of the company seems, like us in the audience, to be struggling with abrupt shifts of intention and atmosphere. Maybe this would have worked bener as the pilot for a teleseries than a full-scale West End comedy.

At the New End, Paul Webb's first play "A Dangerous Woman" is a savagely funny monologue for Fenella Fielding, in which she plays the Duchess of Windsor at the end of a long and not entirely satisfactory life. As London has had at least one musical and two plays about the Windsors in exile these last months, enough might be thought to be enough, but Webb has had the wickedly enjoyable notion that Wallis Simpson's true life started only after the 1936 abdication. Thus we find her in league with the wartime Nazis, trying to kill off her perceived fashioo rival Jackie Kennedy (a plot that goes disastrously wrong at Dallas), acting as unofficial

adviser to a soulmate, Richard Nixon, and finally whipping up unrest in Ulster. All this, mind you, after she has killed off George V in order to get her hopeless husband onto the throne.

The idea is less ludicrous than it must sound, and Fielding and Webb with their director. John Brenner. manage to make the idea of Wallis as a latter-day female Richard III wildly and wonderfully plausible in a production of con-siderable intelligence and eccentricity.

And finally, at the Bush, Doug Lucie's "Love You, Too" is something of a disfrom the dramatist who in plays like "The Shallow End" and Doing the Business" seemed

to me the best and most acid dramatic chronicler of London life in the Thatcher '80s. But in coming into the present decade, with a play that runs from the first John Major election to that of Tony Blair last year, Lucie seems curiously unable or unwilling to deal with the new political watersheds, contenting himself instead with two interchangeable couples who find themselves fatally unable to live either together or apari.

So we have yet another play about the emotional damage we do to our ostensible loved ones. Lucie has always been at his absolute best in writing characters as reflections of their immediate moment in time; take away that moment, leave them floating in a morass of conflicting and sometimes violent emotional tension, and you lose a lot of their purpose. These are now people adrift, as one of them says, in their own little world, and despite an agile production by Mike Bradwell, it is a world that becomes progressively less enthralling as the power games start to dry up in despair or even death. It is also, in its last act, one of the most stunningly antifemale plays of receoutimes.



Jose Van Dam as Boris, left, and Leonard Pezzino as the Innocent in "Boris Godunor" in Toulouse.

Original 'Boris,' Czar in Anguish

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

OULOUSE, France - Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov" is a kind of archaeological work in progress. The composer's first version was not performed at all for almost 60 years after its initial rejection. but it seems to be coming into its own as the version of choice in the theater.

The 1869 original is taut and somber. seven scenes ending with the death of Boris. The Maryinsky Theater objected 10 the lack of an important feminine role, and the 1872 revision included the Polish act and a new ending. These are separate works, without eveo getting into the prickly question of orchestration.

Nicolas Joel, artistic director of the
Theatre du Capitole here, cast his vote for Mussorgsky's first thoughts with a new production that was strongly cast, beginning with Jose Van Dam's beau- are reminiscent of the modest pseudotifully sung and deeply felt portrayal of the anguished czar.

Joel's production, physically lean and virtually without historical references, is played out on an almost bare stage with minimal furniture, so that the costumes of Gerard Audier and the lighting by Claude Beringuier were more than incidental.

The timelessness of this story of potitical intrigue and remorse is stressed various ways. In the coronatioo scene, Van Dam as Boris stands amid the crowd, modestly garbed, beneath an omately gowned dummy monarch who descends from the flies.

Boris is not lavishly dressed, but wears vaguely military clothing. Shuisky and the other parliamentarians are in formal swallowtail coats and top hats. The monk Pimen is outfitted as an Orthodox cleric, while other costumes peasant garb that Stalin used to affect. At the end a group of portraits descend GENERAL

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from the flies, but they are faceless. Michel Plasson, who has guided Toulouse's musical life for three decades, conducted a performance rich in orchestral nuance, providing a solid musical platform for the drama.

Van Dam acted with his customary restraint and conveyed the czar's inner, turmoil entirely through the art of song. even down to the moment of death. There was strong casting in the other important bass roles, too, with the physically and vocally immense Anatoli Kolcherga an imposing Pimen, and Tigran Martirossian a vividly drunken Varlaam.

Joseph Frank was a splendidly unctuous Shuisky and Leonard Pezzino movingly portrayed the Innocent, the holy fool who so unnerves Boris in the scene before St. Basil's Cathedral.

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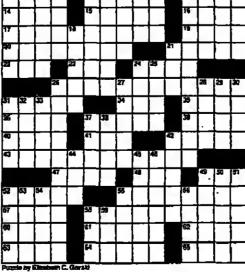
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'Siegfried': Tech and Sympathy trusting Wagner for when to raise the

By George W. Loomis

Goetz Friedrich's productions of Wagner's "Ring" cycle have ranked among the more polemical of the last quarter century, and tately he has come under fire as intendant of the Deutsche Oper Berlin because of that company's enormous deficit. But on the basis of the Finnish Na-

tional Opera's "Siegfried," the third installment of its new "Ring," things are going right for him here. Depending on how you count them, this is at least Friedrich's third "Ring,"

and it is shaping up as by far the best. The high-tech flavor of his earlier versions is retained but many of the more egregious departures from Wagner's specifications are now history. Friedrich still likes to begin scenes prematurely instead of

curtain. But gone is the "tunnel of in-finity" of his 1985 Berlin production, which, as seen in Washington a few years later, was modeled on the city's Metro.

Gottfried Pilz's new sets are striking to behold, especially his forest with its leafless, columnar trees seen amidst the changing hues of Knui Sommer's excellent lighting. What really distinguishes the new

effort, however, is the depth of Friedrich's understanding of Wagner's characters and their plights. Siegfried himself can seem more a bully than a hero, but Friedrich lent him an uncommon degree of sympathy. When that awkward moment came for Siegfried to kill Mime (the conniving dwarf who reared him), Friedrich made it seem almost an accident, thereby making it easier than usual for one to identify with Siegfried's good fortune later. And the final scene with Bruennhilde vividly ponrayed both the ecstasy and the trep- :idation each character feels.

Stig Andersen may not have the ideal vocal heft, but he made a splendid Siegfried nonetheless, proving that lyricism can go a long way in this part. As the Wanderer, Esa Ruununen gave an intense portrayal of a Wotan reluctant to give up power.

Karan Armstrong's Bruennhilde. while dramatically arresting, was vo-cally uneveo. Arild Helleland's hulking presence as Mime was hardly dwarflike, but that is about the only negative thing to say about his acutely characterized performance. 'Goenerdaemmerung' follows next

year, with the entire "Ring" scheduled for spring of 2000.

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U.S. Worries Over Impact Of Yen's Fall

Some Clinton Aides Fear Tokyo Wants It to Drop

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — For the last 10 months the Clinton administration has warned that a full-blown recession in Japan could prove the time bomb of the Asian crisis, setting off a sharp fall of the yen and, in turn, a second wave of the economic contagion that is spreading to investors around the globe.

That now appears to be what is happening. It also appeared Tuesday that Deputy U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers might be planning a trip to Tokyo this week for economic talks with

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Japanese officials. But President Bill Clinton's ANALYSIS economic advisers, weary of jawboning their Japanese counterparts, say the United States has very little leverage remaining over Tokyo.

In fact, in internal White House arguments in recent days, some of Mr. Clinton's advisers have contended that Japan's hidden strategy is to let the yen fall — making Japanese goods less ex-pensive in the United States — even if the fall undermines other countries in Asia or worsens troubles io Russía and Latin America.

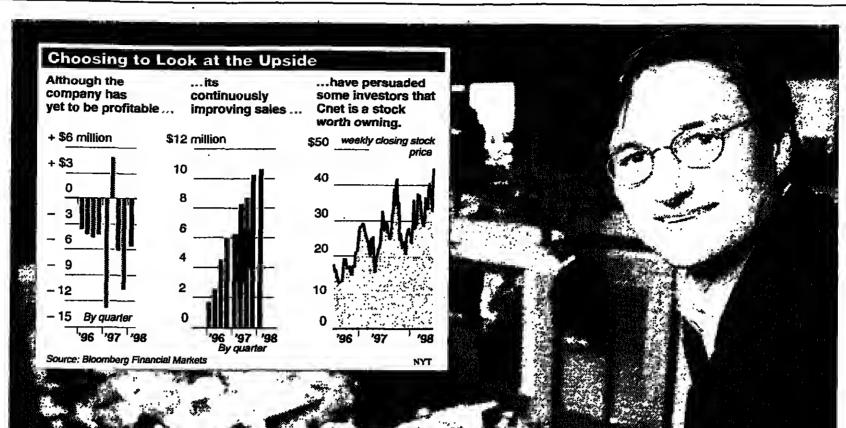
The recession in Japan is making it nearly impossible for other Asian countries to export more goods to Japan. Meanwhile, as the yen falls Japanese goods push out products that other ailing Asian countries are trying to export to the United States and Europe, particularly South Korean cars, steel and semiconductors.

'What is happening in Japan is hitting all of its neighbors - Korea, Thailand — and it is triggering a huge amount of instability around the world," Charleoe Barshefsky, the U.S. trade representative, said in an interview. But when asked what the United States could do, she offered little new.

"We need to keep putting pressure on them, both bilaterally and through our allies," she said. At the same time she conceded that the threat the United States has occasionally wielded in trade disputes - closing the American market to cars or computer chips, for example would probably only accentuate Japan's troubles if used to compel Tokyo to speed economic reforms.

In private, administration officials have long referred to Japan as "the last fire that if that wall were breached, it was only

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Halsey Minor in San Francisco at the studios of Cnet, his computer news company. He says he aspires to be the first media mogul of the Internet.

Minor's Major Goal: To Be Internet's Media Mogul

By Saul Hansell, New York Times Service

NEW YORK - It is hard for most people, even those who know him, to comprehend the magnitude of Halsey Minor's amhition.

But Thomas Rogers, the president of NBC's cable and Internet division, got to witness Mr. Minor in the full flush of confidence last Wednesday at Le Cirque 2000 in Manhattan - a victory lunch to celehrate NBC's acquisition of a controlling stake in Snap, the Internet directory and guide service created by Mr.

Minor's company, Cnet.

After Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Minor to
write his prediction for Cnet's stock price a year from now on a slip of paper, a half-dozen NBC executives around the table jotted down their own guesses of what he had written.

Knowing the 33-year-old Cnet founder's lofty regard for his new-medía vísion, each pícked a figure far above the \$48 that Cnet shares were trading at that day — a number that was already a 45 percent jump from Monday, the day before the NBC deal was

Even so, when Mr. Minor unfolded signate visionary or an abrasive, egot-

his paper, it had a figure much higher than anyone had dared guess. (The price? No one would comment for pub-

Mr. Rogers was surprised by the apparent hubris, he recalled later, for even the most ambitious executives at General Electric Co., NBC's parent, cloak

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their aspirations behind at least some false modesty. And in Silicon Valley, near Cnet's headquarters in San Francisco, executives typically sit in torn ieans and talk about bow their techuology is improving society. (It is only on the sly that they peek at the up-to-the-minute value of their stock options.)

But Halsey Minor has always made his aspirations clear. He's not out to save the world; he's going to conquer it. With a preppy appearance masking a pit bull intensity, Mr. Minor is not cmbarrassed to proclaim his intention to become the first media mogul of the Internet, the Ted Turner or Rupert Murdoch of his generation.

Depending on one's viewpoint, Mr. Minor is either a charismatic and pasistic upstart. Whatever the angle, NBC decided to endorse Mr. Minor's stra-

tegic direction. This is the sign of a guy with a true vision, someone who doesn't mess around and mince words," Mr. Rogers said. "He is very creative, but he's also a husinessman with two feet on the ground."

In last week's \$63 million deal, NBC agreed to acquire up to 60 percent of Snap's technically elegant but moneylosing service and to promote it on the air to the 73 million people who watch its programs each week.

NBC's seal of approval does not guarantee Mr. Minor's success, of course. But the deal, and other recent evidence that his ideas may be catching on, does at least validate a new-media approach that until now has flouted conventional wisdom.

His first Internet services, a series of Weh sites about computers that started in mid-1995, gambled that money could be made producing new information for the Internet, Mr. Minor has expanded Coet's original programming even as the approach has fallen out of fashioo because it is expensive. Most of the successful content sites, like CNN com and Time Inc.'s Pathfinder, so far largely reprint information created for other media or showcase content created by users, as in chat rooms.

Then, in an even more controversial move, Mr. Minor diverted 150 people at a cost of \$25 million to develop Snap, which was introduced last fall, three years after the introduction of Yahoo,

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Prada Says Gucci Stake Hits 9.5%

MILAN - Prada, a privately held Italian luxury-goods company, said Tuesday it had raised its stake in Gucci Group NV to 9.50 percent from 5.05 percent, raising the pressure on Gucci to consider combining operations.

Prada, a privately head a

shareholder, said it bought the stake for \$260 million between Nov. 17, 1997 and Monday as a "strategic investment," leaving open the possibility that it could seek a merger with, or acquisition of, all or parts of Gucci, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York. In announcing the initial 5 percent stake last week, Prada's chief executive, Patrizio Bertelli, said he hoped the investment in Gucci would lead to the pooling of purchasing, joint negotiation for retail space, and the sharing of other functions.

The chief executive of Gucci, Domenico De Sole, has said the com-

pany does not plan to discuss any pooling of operations or offer Prada a board seat. He declined to comment Tuesday.

Last week, Gucci bought back 1.1 percent of its equity in a defense aimed at thwarting a hostile takeover.

Prada's purchase comes as both companies suffer declining sales in Asia, a region that in recent years powered the growth of Italian luxury

goods designers and retailers. Last week, Gucci reported that its net income in the first quarter of 1998 fell 10 percent, to \$43.1 million as revenue slid 1.4 percent, to \$250.7 million.

Prada does not release profit figures. Carlo Pambianco, a consultant to the fashion industry in Milan, said, "Italian fashion houses must reach bigger dimensions to penetrate world markets."

Over the past year, Italian designers have begun cleaning up their accounts and seeking advisers for planned initial stock offerings or eventual sales to deep-pocketed rivals.

Analysts say Prada, by itself, is not in a position to launch a takeover of Gucci, though there has been speculation in Italian financial markets that it has the backing of a group of investors and fashion industry executives.

Gucci shares closed at 106.60 guild-

ers (\$52.18) in Amsterdam, down 1.2 (Bloomberg, AP)

To Cut Capacity, GM Will Endure Strike

By Frank Swoboda and Warren Brown

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON --- General Motors Corp. is willing to risk losing \$500 million a week in its standoff with the United Auto Workers union because it needs to eliminate excess production capacity to keep up with its competitors at home and

ahroad, industry analysts said.

They said that GM had far more capacity to build cars and trucks than it will ever need again and thus needed to convince the unioo that it is serious in its effort to trim down.

Throughout the 1950s and much of the 1960s, GM accounted for nearly half of U.S. vehicle sales. Today the company's share of the U.S. market has shrunk to 31.3 percent, but GM still bas the production capacity to produce 39 percent of

the country's demand for cars. 'GM has stated in the past that it will reduce plant capacity to match market share," said Joseph Phillippi, an analyst with Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York. "They are not going to reduce capacity to 31 percent because they will need space for new products. But it is unrealistic to think that they will ever see a 39 percent share again."

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Ripples from the UAW strike against a metal-stamping plant and parts plant in Flint, Michigan, continue to spread throughout the company. GM said the two strikes had forced 63,100 people out of work at 15 assembly plants and 32 parts plants in the United States, Canada

and Mexico. With the start of the strike against the Flint parts plant last Thursday night, company and union officials have estimated GM's entire North American production could be shut down this week. Negotiations are continuing, but the ses-

sion recessed with no progress reported.

If the strike is still going by the end of the week, GM will lose half a hillion dollars a week in net income," said David Healy of Burnham Securities Inc., adding that he saw ''no sign of give

on either side." Gary Lapidus, an analyst with Salomon Smith Barney, agreed. If anything, he said, the \$500 million estimate might be low. Mr. Lapidus noted, however, that GM began the strike with

\$13 billion in cash reserves. For the 9,300 UAW workers on strike in Flint, the specifics of the strike are secondary to the issue of job security. "You don't even have to know the issues," said Douglas Fraser, a former

UAW president. "There's a terrible feeling of insecurity among the workers. That's the basic cause. A lot of this is based on emotion. There's a lot of fear and insecurity."

Mr. Fraser agrees with industry analysts who ascribe the current situation to GM's overcapacity. GM "misjudged the market, and now it's painful as hell," he said.

Mr. Phillippi said competition in the auto business was "globally ruthless," and GM was being attacked at all points of the market. Mercedes-Benz AG and Bayerische Motoren Werke AG are revving up to pick off as many luxury car and truck buyers as possible. Ditto the Japanese and South Koreans.

And Toyota Motor Corp. is readying a fleet of full-size pickups at its as-sembly plant in Georgetown, Keotucky, to go after GM's crown jewels — its money-making full-size Chevrolet and

GMC pickup trucks.

Mr. Lapidus said be thought the strike would last another week or two but, unlike in decades past, when GM's fortunes could affect the entire economy, many analysts believe a GM shutdown would have only a small overall impact. "It's become a pretty small piece of the total economy," he said.

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Greenspan Sanctions Mergers

New Wave Won't Undercut Competition Much, Fed Chief Says

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Alan Greenspan, said Tuesday that the recent wave of industrial and financial services mergers was not likely to decrease competition.

Still, he said, it could create such large corporate bureaucracies that shareholders' returns would be hurt.

Mr. Greenspan and top Clinton administration antitrust and economic policy officials gave their views on the merger wave at a hear-ing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

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'The effects of the present merger wave on concentration have yet to be determined, but there is little reason to expect their influence will differ substantially from the merger wave of the early 1980s, which produced at most a slight increase in manufacturing concentration," Mr. Greenspan said.

Janet Yelten, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Econom-

ic Advisers, concurred with Mr. Greenspan. "The evidence we have does not suggest any alarming trend toward economic activity being concentrated in large firms," she said. "Moreover, large size is not

the same as monopoly power." Some members of Congress had expressed concerns that a number of recent big bank mergers could force consumers to pay higher bank fees hecause of reduced competition.

Both officials said that while the wave of bank mergers had reduced the level of banks nationally, the number competing in any given region of the country remained about the same. But Mr. Greenspan said the local hanking competitors now 'tend to be the same competitors in

an increasing number of markets." Mr. Greenspan told the committee there was no doubt that some of the recent mergers were "awesomely huge," hut he said that was a factor of the growth of the economy and the increased forces of consumers," Mr. Pitofsky said.

Asked about the economic impact, Mr. Greenspan said there would clearly be job losses as banks consolidate branches, but he said a growing U.S. economy should be able to handle the displaced workers. He noted that 300,000 workers lose their jobs each week but the unemployment rate still stands at a

28-year low of 4.3 percent. Both Joel Klein, head of the antitrust division at the Justice Department, and Robert Pitofsky. chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, assured the committee in prepared testimony that their agencies were carefully considering the impact that various mergers were having on competition and the

consumer.

'We believe that many of these mergers are the result of fundamental economic changes in both our economy and world markets and that they are, for the most part. beneficial to the economy and to

(Bloomherg, AP)

Poll Finds Most Admire Microsoft

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The U.S. government's antitrust battle against Microsoft Corp. has not tarnished the company's reputation as an outstanding business that makes high-quality

But according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poli, a majority of Americans - 60 percent - do think that Microsoft is a monopoly and that the Justice Department should continue to investigate the company and its husiness

In a nationwide survey last week, 55 percent of those polled expressed admiration for the accomplishments of Microsoft and Bill Gates, the company's co-founder and chairman. Yet, the same people repeatedly said there was an important role for the government in making sure of fair play in the high-technology economy that Microsoft has come to symbolize.

Dollar Falls Amid Fears Of G-7 Move

Computed by Our Stuff From Desputches NEW YORK - The dollar fell

sharply against the yen in nervous trading on renewed worries about possible Group of Seven intervention and reports that a U.S. Treasury official might soon visit Japan to discuss the weak yen.

Japan also said it would work with other countries to bolster its plunging currency.

The dollar got way overbought and people are fearful about intervention," said Michael Rosenberg, global currency strategist at Merrill Lynch.

Deputy Finance Minister Koji Tanami said central banks from major industrial nations would not let

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the yen weaken further, suggesting they were prepared to jointly sell, dollars for yen.

"If the yen doesn't turn around. the global implications are dis-astrous, said Maureen McFarland, currency manager at Mackay Shields Financial Corp. "If Japan doesn't reverse the psycbology of the market, that will force the hand of the Group of Seven to support the

Oil stocks erased some of Mon-The dollar was quoted at 143.275 day's losses. Nohle Drilling Corp. yen at 4 P.M., down from 146.150 rose 11/2 to 24, and British Petroleum yen Monday. The threat of dollar-PLC's American depositary receipts rose 2 13/16 to 85 13/16. selling drove the dollar down Battered computer stocks gained. against other major currencies. The Intel rose 2 15/16 to 69 13/16, and dollar was at 1.7988 Deutsche marks, down from 1.8105 DM. The dollar was also at 1.4954

Swiss francs, down from 1.5065 francs, and at 6.0325 French francs, down from 6.0710 francs. The pound was at \$1.6515, up

from \$1.6350. "There's an across-the-board move out of dollars," said Cameron

Crise, a currency strategist at SBC Warburg Dillon Read in London The dollar extended losses after the U.S. Treasury said the deputy Treasury secretary, Lawrence Summers, might travel to Tokyo for a

Separately, a trade group representing the Big Three U.S. automakers called for coordinated yenbuying by the United States and other G-7 nations to prevent damage to the global economy.

special meeting.

'The time has come for coordinated intervention," said Andrew Card Jr., president and chief executive of the American Automobile Manufacturers' Association. (Bridge News, Bloomberg)

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Technology Rally Offsets Blue-Chip Slump benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was down 1 6/32 at 106 23/32, tak-The Federal Reserve, meanwhile, finished 21/4 lower at 110.

NEW YORK - Stocks rose Tuesday as a rally in technology and oil issues offset a slump in blue-chip shares, which were concerned that a strong dollar will hurt company

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 37.36 points higher at 8,665.29, after the index slid 207 points on Monday.

'Investors tend to love to huy on dips, and we've seen a pretty big dip

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here in a pretty sbort period of time," said Gary Campbell, chief investment officer at Commerce Bank Investment Management

"the stock market has the potential to run down a little hit further" because earnings estimates are too high, he said.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 10.57 points, to 1,087.58, and the Nasdaq composite index, heavily weighted with computer compa-nies. rose 37.36 points, to Advancing stocks outnumbered

decliners by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

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5.60 percent on Monday. U.S. economic reports did not

help bonds. The Commerce Department said the consumer price index rose a bigger-than-expected 0.3 percent last month, the fastest in 17 months. CPI rose 0.2 percent excluding food and energy costs.

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a matter of time before Asia's troubles

leaped the Pacific, It is an unproven

thesis, but clearly investors harbor the

same worry. The evidence came Mon-

day on Wall Street, when last week's

self-off accelerated into a 207.01-point

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drop in the Dow Jones industrial av-

said industrial production rose 0.5 percent in May, more than the 0.4 ing the yield up to 5.65 percent from percent forecast. The plant-use rate, a measure of industrial capacity in use, rose more than expected. IBM weighed on blue-chip shares after Merrill

> Lynch cut its earnings estimate Microsoft rose 3 15/16 to 89%. for the company's second quarter to Dell Computer rose 4 23/32 to 84 \$1.45 per share from \$1.52. IBM 31/32. (Bloomberg, Bridge News)

YEN: U.S. Worries Over Collapse of the Asian 'Fire Wall'

modeled on the handling of the U.S. savings and loan crisis in the 1980s. At the same time, Mr. Clinton is facing accusations from the Chinese and some other Asians that Washington and Tokyo are engaged in a conspiracy to let the yen fall, creating further troubles in the rest of Asia.

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public America's prescription: rapid the United States - is voiced almost deregulation and a bailout of banks daily by the U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Ruhin, but he has repeatedly infuriated Japanese officials by refusing to threaten imminent intervention in the currency markets. "The Japanese wasted \$20 bil-

lion last month trying to intervene to keep the yen in the 130s," a senior Clinton administration official said recently. "Bob knows that running against the markets only delays the fall of a currency, it can't stop it. So he wants to pick his moment. That is a fine strategy as long as the

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Russian Stocks Perk Up as IMF Considers New Aid

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MOSCOW - Russian stocks rebounded Tuesday after the International Monetary Fund said it would begin discussions next week on an additional aid package for the Russian government.

The Russian Trading System index closed 4.2 percent higher at 171.86, after closing Monday at an 18-month low after seven days of losses. The index bas fallen more than 45 percent in the past month after demand for Russian debt dried up, sparking a government cash

Investors say Russia needs a loan of as much as \$10 billion to restore investors' confidence and avoid a ruble devaluation.

The ruble rose briefly on Tuesday, supported by speculation that the new talks could open the door to new loans. But the dollar later rose new loans. But the dollar later rose to 6.15 rubles from 6.174 rubles on

Monday. The financial market's rebound on Tuesday "has everything to do with" the news of the planned IMF visit next week to Moscow, said Martin Diggle, director at the Moscow brokerage Brunswick Warburg. 'That is the sole cause of the rally, "

Investors are looking for action by the Fund, Mr. Diggle said. 'People want to see concrete measures announced," he said. "Not in terms of hearing news of meetings and talks.

which is expected to approve the release of \$670 million from an ex-ising \$9.2 billion loan to Russia.

The group's trip to Moscow will "assess the situation and continue the intensive dialogue on measures the authorities are taking to address market confidence in economic said Martin Gilman, the head of the IMF's Moscow office, "and if necessary and appropriate, to consider the provision of additional financial support from the Fund, in

support of those measures." Investors and analysts say, The market is looking for an an-however, that the IMF's expected

release of its next loan installment to Russia is not enough to win back investor confidence.

The Russian news agency Interfax cited unnamed cabinet officials as saying that additional financing is fied Energy Systems, which needed to stabilize financial markets. Previously, government offithers. The IMF said last week that it was needed to stabilize financial mar-kets. Previously, government offi-cials said Russia did not need emergency aid or an additional loan, and had not asked for one.

"The fact that the Russians are accepting that there is a crisis and the IMF is considering help is extremely bullish for the market," said

Russia adopted appropriate economic policies.

But financial markets, hit by the Eric Kraus, chief strategist at Regent

level since October 1996.

Helping the market rehound on Tuesday were OAO Lukoil Holding, the largest oil producer, which rose 5 percent 10 \$9.07, and the national electric utility, RAO Uni-

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in exploratory talks with Russia. It did not think Russia would need more money but was ready to consider new financial assistance if

fallout from Asia's financial crisis. European Securities in Moscow.
On Monday, the RTS index fell
7.3 percent to 165.11, its lowest ation becoming truly chaotic.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Chairman Wins Telecom Italia Tussle

Bloomberg News

TURIN - Telecom Italia SpA on Tuesday named Massimo Sarmi to replace Director General Vito Gamberale, signaling a victory for Chairman Gian Mario Rossignolo in resolving a management conflict that threatened his stewardship of the phone company.

The decision was made by Telecom Italia's executive committee before its shareholders' meeting. Mr. Sarmi, 49, is the head of a division offering cordless phone technology that can be used city-wide, which the company says has posted performances "inferior" to expec-

Mr. Gamberale's exit from Telecom Italia is the latest shakeup by Mr. Rossignolo, who since arriving in January bas cut back on two of the company's biggest investment projects, quashed a sale of the cable maker Sirti SpA to Pirelli SpA, pushed out top management and canceled a planned global operating partnership with AT&T Corp.

*The board, acknowledging the professional quality and experience built np by Sarmi, has expressed unanimous appreciation for the conduct adopted by Chairman Rossignolo," the company said.

Mr. Gamberale resigned after Mr. Rossignolo refused to offer him broader powers. He will remain chairman of Telecom Italia Mobile



Massimo Sarmi smiling in Turin on Tuesday after he was named Telecom Italia 's director general, replacing Vito Gamberale.

SpA, its most profitable unit. The board also agreed to name

Mobile's chief executive, to its executive committee, where he joins Mr. Rossignolo, Francesco De Leo, Mr. Sarmi and Fulvio Conti. Telecom Italia shares rose 100, to nies.

12,950 lire (\$7,24).

Separately, Mr. Rossignolo said talks with the European consortium companies are considering the "cre-Unisource on a European markets

had already been signed.
The talks with Unisource went

Umberto De Julio, Telecom Italia on all night and are still under way," he said.

The Unisource consortium includes the Swiss, Dutch and Swedish national telephone compa-

As part of a commercial accord with Cable & Wireless PLC, the two ation of a joint global network opagreement were still under way.

Mr. Rossignolo corrected an gressively integrate the network OPEC. earlier comment that an agreement resources" of the two companies.

Gulf States' Pledge to Trim **Production Lifts Oil Prices**

on Tuesday attempted a recovery cuts agreed at a secret Amsterdam from near 10-year lows, but there meeting earlier in June by Sandi were few signs of any early end to Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico. the gloom for oil-exporting states.

International benchmark Brent

blend for August delivery was up 10 cents in late trading in London, at \$12.68 a barrel. New York crude futures also staged a comeback from the 12-year low the contract plumbed on Monday, rising 24 cents, to \$13.27.

Traders said they had taken comfort from news that Gulf state oil follow Saudi Arabia's plan for a said the cartel needed to cut more, second round of output cuts. "I think they really need to remove

Gulf Cooperation Council oil ministers — from Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Sandi Arabia had cemented "general lines for a supply reduction," Sheik Saud Nasser al-Sabah of Kuwait said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is expected to unveil a full package of cuts at its summer meeting in Vienna next

Ali Naimi, the Saudi oil minister, has spearheaded a second round of cuts in the wake of the Riyadh pact in March, when OPEC and non-OPEC states pledged to cut production by 1.5 million barrels daily, including 1.245 million barrels from

Emirates are expected to make sig-LONDON - World oil markets nificant contributions to the new

Given the size of the Saudi and Venezuelan cuis, the combined reductions at OPEC's June 24 meeting in Vienna are expected to reach about 800,000 barrels per day.

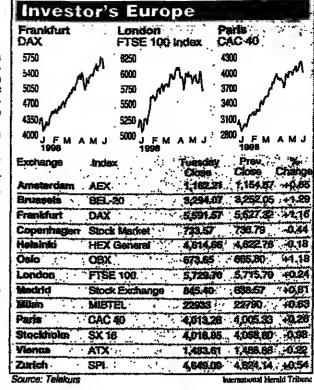
But analysts said unprecedented cooperation between OPEC and non-OPEC suppliers so far had proved insufficient to turn the tide of growing inventories in key Western mar-kets. With OPEC reductions since ministers, meeting in Riyadh on the March Riyadh pact running at Tuesday, had agreed in principle to only 900,000 barrels daily, analysts

> another million to 1.2 million," said Roger Diwan of Petroleum Finance. They need a much deeper cut." Failing demand and bloated in-

> ventories bave pushed oil prices into a fresb downward cycle despite the renewed efforts of producers to trim supplies.

The truth is, OPEC and its newfound allies agreed in March to cut too little and too late," said the Center for Global Energy Studies in London. "A tidal wave of oil is engulfing Europe and the U.S., needing further volume cuts to contain the damage."

Oil prices are now running more than \$6 a barrel or a third lower than on average last year, translating into a \$15 billion sbortfall in OPEC oil



Very briefly:

• VA Stahl AG, Austria's largest steelmaker, is offering 1,700 schillings (\$133.12) per share for the Austrian railroad switch maker VAE AG, topping a 1,525-schilling bid from De Dietrich et Cie. of France.

• British inflation rose to an annual rate of 4.2 percent in May, a six-year high and an increase from the rate of 4.0 percent posted for April. Underlying inflation, which excludes

home-loan repayments, rose to 3.2 percent from 3.0 percent. • KPN NV, the Dutch postal and telephone company, agreed to sell its British cable-TV unit, ComTel, to NTL Inc. of New York for £550 million (\$899.4 million) as it eliminates its cable operations under pressure from the Dutch government.

• The European Union jobless rate was unchanged at 10.2 percent in April from March, according to Eurostat, the EU statistics office. In April 1997, the rate stood at 10.7 percent. The European Automobile Manufacturers Association

said new car sales in Western Europe rose 4.8 percent in May from a year earlier. For the first five months of 1998, registrations of passenger cars rose 7.6 percent, ENI SpA, Italy's largest energy company, plans to raise as

much as 22 hillion lire (\$12.3 million) in capital over five years so it can issue free shares to its best managers. · Greek bank workers will extend a five-week walkout in protest against the privatization of Ionian Bank until Friday

after talks over social security benefits failed. · Generale de Bank SA said on Tuesday two members of its management committee, Andre Dirckx and Paul Catteau, had offered to resign, bringing the total to three after Chief Executive Fred Chaffart announced he would leave. A number

of the bank's managers fiercely opposed its takeover by Fortis AG, favoring a deal with the ABN-AMRO Holding NV. Britain warned its former colonies in the African-Caribbean-Pacific region that the preferential sugar prices they get from the European Union would fall to market levels within three years. Bloomberg. Remers

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Asian Leaders Urge Tokyo to Fix Economy

HONG KONG -- Financial leaders across Asia issued a strong call to Japan on Tuesday to stabilize its currency and economy. warning that Asia could slide into depression if Tokyo did not act.

The call came as the Bank of Japan warned that the country's economic crisis was worsening as unemployment mounted and that the situation could stifle the effects of a \$114 hillion stimulus package.

Leaders and senior financial officials from all over the Asia gathered Tuesday at meetings in Australia and Thailand to search for ways to avert a "second wave" of the financial crisis that ended a decade of rapid regional growth.

'The world must pay more attention to the Japanese problem," said Deputy Prime Minister Panitchpakdi Supachai of Thailand at a conference in Melbourne. "There needs to be concerted action."

"Funds from the rest of the world need to be recycled back to Japan," said Mr. Supachai, warning that and the Pacific, said the specter of central bank added.

failure to address the problem risked plunging Asia deeper into its eco-nomic mire and triggering "worldwide economic depression.

In Kuala Lumpur, Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia blamed Japan's "foot-dragging io strengthening its banking system and opening its markets" for the "gloomy" regional outlook. "The yen slide has changed the whole outlook for the immediate term. The Japanese currency is dragging down practically every currency in the region with it, he said.

We shudder to think where we will be if the yen declines unchecked. The social impact will be severe," he added.

Mr. Supachai said, "If the yen drops with no bonom, the second Asian crisis will take place." He warned that a second crisis could trigger "a world economic depression," involving China and

Hong Kong. Bank vice president for East Asia tion, income and spending," the about a "deflationary spiral."

depression would overshadow the region until at least the second half of 1999. "We have one crisis beod of deep and probably long-last-ing depression, 'he said. ditions further dampens overall economic activity,' it warned. The Bank of Japan warned in its

warning about falling prices.

downward pressures on prices if at the central bank. domestic demand weakens fur-ther," the report said. The bank said further declines in employment and that the bank will push interest incomes could offset the govern- rates lower to coax the economy ment's 16.65 trillion yen (\$113.92 out of recession. hillion) plan to spur growth.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashirecord stimulus package to spark a Fuji Securities Ltd. recovery. The package was expected "to boost demand through additional public works and special the bank's remarks on prices after income-tax cuts, thereby ceasing the bank acknowledged for the first Jean-Michel Severino, the World the negative interaction of productime on June 5 that it was concerned

"However, such positive effects of fiscal policy may be weakened if the ongoing rapid deterioration hind us and we have entered a peri- in employment and income con-

report that employment and in-come had shown "significant de-terioration" in Japan, and issued a member had called for a cut in the bank's reserve requirement, the 'There may be some additional amount banks must keep on deposit

The report and Mr. Hayami's comment will increase speculation

The central bank clearly revealed a sense of crisis," moto had pinned his hopes on a Yasunari Ueno, chief economist at

Investors and analysts said they were paying particular attention to

(Bloomberg, AFP)

Manila Urges Talks to Avert Airline Strike

MANILA - The government on Tuesday urged talks to avert a general stoppage at Philippine Airlines after ground and cabin crews threatened strikes over the airline's firing of more than a third of its work force.

An industry source said more jobs at the financially troubled airline could be cut and that it had warned its creditor hanks it might not be able to service its debt, which is estimated to be at least \$1.5 billion, after this month.

A government source said later Tuesday that the airline would not declare a moratorium on its debt payments and was working out a loan restructuring program with creditors.

The airline on Monday fired about 5,000 employees, saying it needed to retrench in order to survive because the current strike of its pilots, now in its 12th day, had worsened its financial problems.

"We have contacted the unions and the PAL management to come together," Jose Pinol, the undersecretary for labor, said. "There might be a solution other than termination."

Hundreds of members of pilots, ground crew and cabin attendants picketed the airline's offices in Manila's Makati financial district to denounce the mass layoff.

Leaders of the ground and cabin crew unions said joining the walkout was an open option

Alexander Barrientos, president of the 9,000-strong ground crew union, said he feared dismissed workers might take rash action and warned that trouble could occur "once families get hungry."

lifted, analysts expect Cnet to be-

come profitable this year.

"I was surprised at just how much we were hurt because the mar-

ket didn't see us as having a chance

of surviving," Mr. Minor said last

Investors simply have not under-stood Mr. Minur's long-term pros-pects, said Brian Oakes, an analyst

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Downturn Greets Filipino Leader

MANILA - Joseph Estrada will begin his presidency just us the Phil-ippine economy is taking a turn for the worse, data released Tuesday

same month and the government announced a leap in the hudget deficit at the end of May.

The hleak economic figures on Tuesday followed recent data showing economic growth expanding by only 1.7 percent in the first quarter
— far from the hrisk 5.5 percent pace of a year earlier. "We're still riding on the crisis,"

said Teresa Taningco, an economist at Banco Santander. "We're not out at Banco Santander. "We're not out "We fear the problem can market-friendly policies of his pre-of it yet. This is going to be a long worsen up to 40 hillion pesos in decessor, Fidel Ramos.

Studies, said the new administration will inherit an economy that is growing at a very slow pace."

The government announced The unemployment rate hit a seven-year high of 13.3 percent in April, while imports numbled in the 15.4 hillion pesos (\$363.7 million) by the end of May, far above a targeted 75 million pesos. The region's economic crisis, in-

cluding fresh curreocy turmoil, means the problem could worsen. After the figures were released, Finance Secretary Salvador Enthe target for the year because of Asia's crisis.

ride." Josef Yap, fellow at the Phil- revenue shortfall," he told a news ippine Institute of Development conference. "At least, that's all we have to pay for the crisis. Other Asian countries are suffering more.

> President-elect Estrada, whose uncertain economic track record has been a worry for local business, will be inaugurated on June 30. He was elected May 11 in a land-

> During his campaign, Mr. Es-trada pledged to improve the lot of the poor, who make up the halk of the population.

Since winning, he has put up what riquez said government revenue many analysts consider a fairly bal-could fall 40 billion pesos short of anced program to reduce poverty. many analysts consider a fairly bal- ures. improve the agricultural sector and at the same time continue with the

Prozac Maker Loses Case in Chinese Court

Agence France-Presse BEUING — The American pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly & Co. said Tuesday that it had tost a Chinese court battle to defend its trademark anti-depressant Prozac against imitations, and warned that the decision would discourage foreign investors here.

Company sources said that the company would probably appeal the verdict by the Beijing High Court,

an intermediate body.

Any appeal would be lodged with China's Supreme Court.

A spokeswoman said that the company was shocked by the decision, which she said would have far-reaching effects on other compa-

nies seeking to invest here.
'This kind of attitude doesn't encourage foreign investors to bring in proprietary material and new technology, when you're not sure you'll get the protection you're supposed to get according to international treaties, said Margaret Shu, a spokeswoman.

"I think this should trigger an alarm — the entire thinking behind the verdict, 'she said. She said the verdict basically as-

serted that the Chinese government had the right to decide on its own who is protected from copies under Chinese laws.

That attitude conflicted with international treaties on protection of intellectual property rights, she said. Production of locally made versions of international drugs, which can be copied using low-level technology, is common in China, which outlaws

imitations only in certain cases. Eli Lilly said it was losing money from sales of copies of Prozac - the best-selling anti-depressant in the world - hut declined to give fig-

The spokeswoman said she hoped the matter would be raised in the meeting planned later this month between President Bill Clinton and President Jiang Zemin.

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 Beijing said the United States had overestimated the size of its trade deficit with China and that the two sides were working on a new way to calculate the trade imbalance.

 Australia's two major airlines outlined strategies to cope with the slump in Asian business as Ansett International said it would eliminate first class and Oantas Airways Ltd. said it would fine-tune its Asian operations to limit losses.

Japan will close 10 of the most indebted oil development companies financed by the state-ruo Japan National Oil Corp., the daily Nihon Keizai Shimhun reported.

• NEC Corp. said it would work with Canon Sales Co. to develop and sell computer products that can read electronic mail over the telephone.

 Nomura Research Institute said global shipments of personal computers rose 14.1 percent in 1997, to 83.9 million units, from growth of 23.5 percent in 1996, as fewer large companies bought or replaced equipment.

• Fuiitsu Ltd., Japan's largest computer maker, said it would spend 40 billion yen (\$273.7 million) to increase production of computer bard-disk drives by 50 percent, to 18 million units, in the year ending next March. AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg

CHINA: The Weak Yen Is Testing Beijing's Resolve to Defend Its Own Currency

Continued from Page 1

by global markets. Because the yuan is not fully convertible, it is not vulnerable to the speculative attacks that have led to devaluations elsewhere. Hence, for China, whether to de-

a political decision, analysts say. By maintaining a stable currency, Beijing has become an island of calm in the Asian economic typhoon.

Mr. Mushkat said that while Japan seemed rudderless as its econhas slid into recess noises coming from Beijing are the sign of a rising economic power beginning to flex its muscles. "China is playing the game," be said, "while Japan doesn't even understand what the game is."

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But after his two indentured years, and despite introductions from Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Minor's

plan for Cnet was rejected by most

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Such a move would be welcomed

Credit Suisse First Boston, points out that as exporters, China and Japan of the renminbi not devaluing, our by Chinese companies, which are have few overlapping industries. A battling the familiar Asian affliction weak yen is far more damaging to valuate its currency is fundamentally always been clear," Mr. Zhn said.] of slackening domestic demand. South Korea and Taiwan, which a political decision, analysts say. By

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devaluing the yuan could hurt China has an estimated \$40 billion in formore than belp it. For one, it would modestly, with the Malaysian market leading the declines with a fall of 3.63 percent, while Hong Kong closed up 0.86 percent. After seesawing on rudollar was trading at 143.175 yen in late New York trading, compared with 146.15 yen late Monday. By contrast, the yuan was rock solid, closing unchanged at 8.2798 to the dollar, hut only after the People's Bank of China intervened devaluing the yuan could hurt China has an estimated \$40 billion in foreign debt denominated in yen. So when the yen depreciates, China's debt burden is eased. Of course, a weak yen burts China merely by pulling the rest of Asia into a deeper economic quagmire. Together, lapan and the rest of Asia buy 43 percent of Chinese exports. After rolling np a 20 percent increase last year, Chinese exports declined an estimated \$40 billion in foreign debt denominated in yen. 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John Howard of Australia urged the But Mr. Severino said that since E-mail: subs@iht.com Internet: http://www.iht.com IMF to resume its loan program to Agence France-Presse July, foreign and local investors had SEOUL — President Kim Dae Jung criticized South Korean conglomerates on Tuesday for being slow to restructure and urged them to risk losing vital affiliates to allow Indonesia as fast as possible. The Fund suspended the loan diswithdrawn about \$115 billion from the five most affected countries hursements during the demonstra-tions and riots that forced President Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, with advertisers looking to find people interested in their wares. 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Looking for a tury Network, a consortium of newspapers that is now defunct. smart aide to carry his bags and write speeches, Mr. Reynolds offered this deal: If Mr. Minor worked for two years, Mr. Reynolds would help him develop a plan for a Mr. Severino said that so far there We have to inflate domestic demand. This is the only way in which Corp. that South Korea's plans had been only "one pilot," the IMF, Things are also looking brighter we can break this vicious circle." to shore up ailing financial inin the loans-for-reforms programs in ob Tide:_ for the computer Weh sites as well. David Nellor, assistant director of stitutions were inadequate. Mailing Address: A Home Business_ With far less information than its the IMF's regional office for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo, sought to play down differences with the But "now that we are coming to a arch rival, the computer publishing period where a longer-term vision has to be taken." 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WORLD ROUNDUP

A Victory for Serena

TENNIS Serena Williams, tuning up for her Wimbledon debut, won her first professional grass-court match Tuesday, beating Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan, 6-4, 7-5, in the opening round of the East-

houme Championships. Watched by her sister. Venus. Serena struggled with her footing on the unfamiliar surface and overcame a series of unforced errors.

Venus Williams is scheduled to face Natasha Zvereva on Wednesday. Top-seeded Jana Novotna plays Wednesday against Nathalie Dechy, while Steffi Graf opens against Samantha Smith.

Also advancing Tuesday were sixth-seeded Anna Kournikova and No. 8 Ai Sugiyama of Japan. Kournikova beat Alexandra Fusai of France, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, and Sugiyama overcame Magdalena Grzybowska of Poland, 6-4, 6-4. (AP)

• Marcelo Rios of Chile, ranked

No. 2 in the world, crashed out of the Nottingham Open in the first round Tuesday, losing to Gianluca Pozzi of Italy, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The top-seeded Rios was cruising as he took the first set. But when Pozzi broke his serve to win the second and then opened up a 2-0 lead in the third, the Chilean claycourt specialist faded. In other matches. David Prinosil of Germany beat Hicham Arazi of Morocco, 6-3, 6-4, and Cedric Pioline of France downed Tomas Nydahl of Sweden, 6-4, 6-4.

England Loses Again

RUGBY UNION England lost a third consecutive match on its Southern Hemisphere tour when it was beaten by the New Zealand Academy in Invercargill on Tues-

The young and enterprising Academy team scored seveo tries to England's four in winning, 50-32, following England's 76-0 loss to Australia and its 18-10 defeat at the hands of New Zealand's "A" team. (AP)

Kings Sign Stojakovic

BASKETBALL Predrag Stoiakovic, a forward whose accuracy from 3-point range made him one of Europe's top players, signed a three-year contract with the NBA's Sacramento Kings — the team that drafted him in 1996.

The deal with Stojakovic, 21, is reportedly worth \$3.9 million. A native Serb who lives in League's most valuable player after leading PAOK to the finals last season. He averaged nearly 24 points and shot 41 percent from 3-(AP)

Has Curtain Fallen On Jordan and Bulls?

'I Don't Expect to See Us Back,' Coach Says

By Michael Wilbon

ALT LAKE CITY — Perhaps there's not supposed to be an eninere s not supposed to be core. Maybe hitting your last shot, winning the game, claiming another championship, riding nfl into the sunset as the most fabulous athlete of your time is the way it's supposed to play nut. Maybe this is the way it's meant to end for Michael Jordan and his Chicago

I mean, if you're Jordan, how do you get a bener ending than Game 6 on Sunday night? How exactly do you top this? String it out to Game 7 the next

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time? Have the game-winning jumper fall through the net as the huzzer

How do you improve on hitting the next-to-last shot, stripping the hall away to get the critical possession, then draining the game-winner? As his coach, Phil Jackson, asked rhetorically: 'How many times does he have in show us that

he's a real-life hero?" I think it's safe to say the world's convinced. But since those are the moments Jordan lives for, he may come back for a curtain call. Or should we say another curtain call?

Here's what we know: Jordan wants to play at least one more year, probably two, and he wants to play in Chicago with this supporting cast or not at all. Sconie Pippen wants higger bucks to play with a contender that figures him to be the missing piece, such as Phoenix, but like everybody else he's vulnerable to Jordan's persistence.

Jackson has already cleaned out his office, presumably to take a year off or coach elsewhere. "Unless something absolutely unusual comes out of left field, I don't expect to see us back again," Jackson said. But hc. too, is beholden to Jordan on some level.

All three of them detest the Bulls' general manager, Jerry Krause, so it's going to take some creative management on the part of the club's chairman, Jerry Reinsdorf, who has sided with Krause most of the time in the past. And it's going to take some real back-room politicking by Jordan to convince Re-insdorf, Pippen and Jackson that another curtain call is a good idea.

An NBA soutce intimately familiar

with the goings-on in Chicago said late Sunday night that the powers that be within the organization (meaning Reinsdorf) were formula could keep the learn together for not just one more season, but two. That would go a loog way toward satisfying Pippen, who wouldn't be inclined to be with a

contender for only one season when, say. Phoenix is prepared to put a con-

tender on the floor for the next four years or more. Suppose the Bulls offered Pippen between \$30 and \$40 million the two years to stay and play with Jordan?

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It won't hurt that there are players in the league who've indicated they would come for minimum wage to play with the Bulls as long as Jordan and Pippen are still there. Late last week, Jayson Williams, the New Jersey Nets' centerforward whom the Bulls counted three years ago, said that while staying with the Nets was his first wish, he'd enterrain playing with the Bulls for a paltry \$1 million. Well, I'm sure Michael and I could work something out on the side," Williams, the NBA's leading comedian, said. Whether he was joking about the whole thing, we could find out over the summer.

Where does Dennis Rodman fit into all this? Jordan says he wants Rodman back. And unlike Pippen, not many people are clamoring for Rodman. Asked to list his odds for the team's staying intact, Rodman said: 'It feels like 50-50 right now. I couldn't tell you. I would love to see everybody back. I would love to come back because Chicago has really been patient with Dennis Rodman, given me a lot of opportunities."

Every April through mid-June, the

Bulls get sick of the stress, annoyed with the attention, wom down from the pressure, tired from playing more than 100 games. "I don't know," Steve Kerr said, "if people realize the stress and tension that we deal with every day of the year." Then, after they win a title. there's a big exhale and they start to romanticize the journey that drove them so crazy for six months,

The people who least need this, of course, are the Bulls. After six championships, all the key players - Jordan, Pippen, Rodman, Jackson, even Toni Kukoc — are marketable beyond their wildest dreams. Each can go to any team

It's the NBA that needs the Bulls, the television networks that oeed a crown jewel, Utah's coach, Jerry Sloan, talked late Sunday about how "all these" sidesbows" threaten the league, only to be batted down by Jordan and the Bulls. The most threatening sidesbow of all is the July 1 lockout the league is facing.

HERE is almost nothing more, athletically or competitively, that Michael Jordan can gain from coming back. But the world wants him to. The stage is still exploding. It still takes a person of extraordinary talent risma to leave a cynical world fawning and hreathless.

So the soap opera continues, until we get official word, leaving those who care - teos of millions - on the edge of our seats, where Jordan leaves us every single time.



Tiger Woods teeing off during a practice round at the Olympic Club.

Orioles Rip Yankees, 7-4

After Brawl Last Month, Teams Keep Their Cool

The Assix intel Press

Four weeks after their infamous hrawl, the New York Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles played another memorable game. This time, however, no punches were thrown.

Baltimore scored the go-ahead run on a close play at the plate and Mike Stanton, a New York reliever, was ejected

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for hitting a batter after giving up a homer in the Orioles' 7-4 victory Monday night at Camden Yards. No one except the Yankees' manager, Joe Torre, left his bench after

Stantoo was ejected by the home-plate umpire, John Hirschbeck. Torre argued that Stanton was not intentionally throwing at Eric Davis. "It was absolutely a mistake," Stan-

ton said. "I apologized to him and hopefully that'll be it. That was one that got Royals 7, Indians 6 In Cleveland, Jeff

King hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning as Kansas City handed the Indians their fourth straight loss. Hal Mnrris singled off Jose Mesa (3-

3) to open the 10th, and King followed

with his 12th homer into the center-field

Jeff Montgomery (1-3) got the victory, despite allowing three runs in the ninth.

Matt Whisenant gave up one run in the 10th before picking up his first save. White Sox 3, Red Sox 2 Jim Parque pitched seven stroog innings and the host White Sox scored three runs in the fifth to halt Boston's four-game win-

Chicago broke open a scoreless game in the fifth inning with four straight singles and a sacrifice fly off Bret Saberhagen (8-4).

Tigors 3, Twins 2 Brian Moehler remained unbeaten at Tiger Stadium this season and Bohby Higginson homered as Detroit snapped a six-game home losing streak.

Moehler (6-5), who is 6-0 with a 1.98 ERA at home, pilched 7 1/2 innings and gave up two runs on solo homers hy Todd Walker and Matt Lawton. Todd ones pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Devil Rays 8, Blue Jays 7 Kevio Stocker's sacrifice fly capped a three-run eighth inning for Tampa Bay, which recovered at home after squandering a five-run lead.

Angels 8, Rangers 5 Steve Sparks gnt his first victory in almost two years, and Phil Nevin hit a two-ruo homer as Anaheim won at Texas.

In the National League: Cubs 6, Brewers 5 In Chicago. Sammy Sosa's second career threehomer game powered the Cubs over

Milwaukee. Sosa hit solo homers off Cal Eldred in the first, third and seventh innings for his 26th muliple-homer game and his

fourth this year. Fans celebrated Sosa's feat hy throwing caps onto the field from the bleachers. "I'm just trying to go out there and do my job and make contact," said Sosa, who has 15 homers and 32 RBIs in bis

last 16 games. "The more patient you are up there, the more you can hit. Astros 13, Reds 2 Derek Bell drove in three runs and Jeff Bagwell hit a tworun homer as Houston finished its road

trip with a 5-2 record. Phillies 2, Pirates 1 Matt Beech (3-3) struck ou a career-high 1t batters and limited visiting Pittsburgh to four hits in

Rockies 4, Giants 3 Ellis Burks hit a two-run homer as Colorado scored three runs in the 12th to hand San Francisco

us fifth straight loss. Larry Walker led off the 12th with a double off John Johnstone (2-3). Dante Biehette followed with a single and

Walker scored on a throwing error by the rightfielder, Chris Jones. Burks followed with his 12th homer.

Tough Course Earns Respect From Golfers At U.S. Open

By Leonard Shapiro Lashington P. isi Service

SAN FRANCISCO - In summing up the unusually dangerous 347-yard 18th hole, the player's guide for the Lake Course at The Olympic Club in-forms the reader that "many things can happen." What it does not say is that most of them are bad.

In a sense, the same could be said for many of the 18 hales at one of golf's most revered venues, which will be the site of the 98th U.S. Open beginning Thursday. The quirky layout is cooled by ocean breezes and has yielded only tour sub-par 72-hole scores in its three previous Opens.

Each of those tournaments were won by men not expected to have a chance over the final 18 holes, especially not against the likes of Ben Hogan in 1955, Arnold Palmer in '66 and Tom Watson in '87, all runners-up to the champions of those years: Jack Fleck, Billy Casper

and Scott Simpson. The Lake Course is known for having too many trees (40,000-plus on the property), not a single body of water that comes into play (it's named for nearby Lake Merced) and no out-of-bounds. It also sits on the San Andreas Fault, Holes 2 through 5 are terraced into the hillside that slopes down from the clubhouse to Lake Merced and are collectively known as "Earthquake Comer," They were four of the most difficult holes during the '87 Open.

At first glance, the 394-yard No. 2 looks like a hirding hole would a player.

looks like a birdie hole until a player sees a dog leg to the right with a sloping fairway that pitches to the left. That slant causes most balls hit down the middle to run into rough that is being grown to approximately six inches (15 centimeters) this week.

"What makes the course so difficult is the combination of fairways that are all tough to hit because of the dog legs and very small greens," said Simpsoo, who managed to catch Watson in '87 by birdieing 14, 15, and 16, 'The greens also slope, and if you're on the wrong side, you're really dead. My game definitely favors this kind of golf course. There's no premium on distance, and if you're a good iron player and have a decent short game, you can do well out here."

Hogan had a chance to win what would have been an unmatched fifth Open at Olympic in '55 until Fleck fied him in the final round with two birdies over his last four holes, including an eight-footer at the 18th to force a playoff

Fleck held a one-shot advantage in the playoff after 17 holes, and when Hogan hooked his drive into the left rough at 18, he needed two shots to get out of the high grass and had to make a 40-footer just to save a double-bogey. Fleck parred the hole for a three-sbot victory.

Despite his disappointment. Hogan always said Olympic was his favorite Open course, describing it as "the longest short course in the world." It will play at 6,797 yards to a par of 35-35 — 70. The 470-yard par-4 17th — played as a 522-yard par-5 by the members — is perhaps the most demanding on the course.

'It's hrutal," Justin Leonard said of the 17th after playing a practice round on Monday. Fortunately, I his a good drive, and I could go for the green in two." Did he reach it? "No," he said, with a smile.

Palmer also will never forget Olympic's back nine. He had a sevensbot lead at the turn of the final round in '66, shot 39 to Casper's 32 and lost the next day in a playoff when Casper shot 69 to his own 73.

"Arnie just panicked," Casper told Golf Digest recently. "I had never seen him panic before. He just kept pulling it left, at 16, 17, 18. He just started panicking when I started catching up. After the playoff, I put my arm around him and said. 'Arnie, I'm sorry.' He didn't say anything.

Casey Martin, the first man allowed to use a motorized vehicle to play in the Open because of a leg disorder, played a practice round Monday and had cart problems when his one-man vehicle broke down on the first hole. He walked the first three holes, then got a replacement cart to use the rest of the way.

Chicago vs. Top Teams of the Past: The Pundits Speak

Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Now comes the broad-brush question about the Chicago Bulls: Where does their sixth championship in eight years put them among NBA dynastics?
At the top, argues the Washington Wizards' general manager, Wes Unseld.

'I can't imagine defending that title time after time after time after time," Unseld said. "We came close once," when Washington lost in the 1979 finals to the Seattle SuperSonics after bearing them the year before for the title. "Of course, I didn't see those great Bostoo teams in the '50s and '60s." Those Bill Russell-led teams won eight straight

over a 13-year stretch. The George Mikan-led Minneapolis Lakers won five titles in six seasons, from 1949 through 1954, and the Los Angeles Lakers teams that featured Magie Johnson, Kareem Abdulpionships in oine years during the 1980s.

96 being the standard-bearer — would not beat any of a half-dozen prior champions.

But if someone was built for it that player would be Havlicek. He had eodurance, long arms, was a linle bigger than Jordan and was quick. We'd control the

Bulls get you into. We wouldn't fall into that trap. We'd fast-break 'em.'

ident, said at least a couple of the 1960s Celtics teams were better than the Bulls, including the 1968 team that had him as a front-court reserve. Why? Because most of those Boston teams had five players who would be voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. In 1960, for instance, the future Hall of Fame guards Sam and K. C. Jones played behind the future Hall of

The Bulls, nearly everyone agrees, have two certain Hall of Famers: Micbael Jordan and Sconie Pippen. Few think Dennis Rodman has guaranteed himself a spot. Boston's three championship teams in the 1980s had three Hall of Famers: the center Robert Parish and the forwards Kevin McHale and Larry Bird. So did the Johnson-led 1980s Lakers teams.

The New Jersey Nets' general manager, John Nash, said the 1983 76ers were superior to any of the could have beaten the Bulls: any of his 1960s Celtics Bulls' teams. That team had the Hall of Farners maintain that championship level.

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season games and lost just one of 13 playoff

"I held out for a long time for Oscar," said Embry, referring to Oscar Robertson. But Sunday, Embry said, 'was yet another indication that no one com-petes like Michael does, has his will to win. He kind of said: 'We're gonna win, fellas. We're not going to

orable teams is that they do not have gifted players at the traditionally pivotal positions -- center and point 'They also have two guys - Jordan and Pippen

who can do just about anything they want on the coun offensively without needing anyone else," said the Lakers' general manager, Mitch Kupchak, Kareem needed someooe to get him the ball. Worthy had to get the ball to certain places. Even

teams," Kupchak added, "but one thing is certain. With free agency, it's a whole lot harder now to

By Ken Denlinger the Wilt Chamberlain-led 76ers of 1967 and the 1972 games

championships, from 1959 through 1966, and 11

Red Auerbach pointed to many teams he said

But few longtime NBA watchers would favor any team beavily over the Bulls for one reasoo - Jordan, His play in the champingship-clinching victory Sunday in Utah against the Jazz all but made unanimous the opinion that he is the greatest player in league

go seveo games. I got a tee time Monday." What also makes the Bulls unique among mem-

You can argue back and forth about the best

clubs that featured the defensive ace John Havlicek. Moses Malone and Julius Erving, won 65 regular-

Jabbar and James Worthy had a run of five cham-However, others in the NBA with long memories insist that the best Bulls team — the one that set a record for regular-season victories with 72 in 1995-

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'No one can really stop Jordan," Auerbach said.

"Plus we wouldn't play that half-court game the Wayne Embry, the Cleveland Cavaliers' pres-

Fame guards Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman.

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World Cup

Real Madrid Picks Camacho as Coach

Jose Antonio Camacho, a former Spanish international, was named Tuesday as Real Madrid's new coach, returning to the club where he won six championships and two UEFA Cup winners medals as a

player in the 1980s. Čamacho, who has been given a two-year contract, replaces the Ger-man coach, Jupp Heynckes, dismissed despite hringing Real Madrid its seventh European Cup, but first in 32 years, in May. (AFP)

11 Teams Scoreless After First Matches

After Monday's World Cup matches, every team had played one game; in those 16 matches, the 32 teams scored 37 goals between them for an average of 2.31 per

Eleven of the 32 teams have still 10 score.

Spain was the only top seeded team to have lost its first match. It went down, 3-2, to Nigeria. The Netherlands and Italy drew their openers, but the other five top seeds

Germany Wins Big

Before it beat the United States, 2-0, on Monday, Germany had not won hy more than one goal in 11 games in World Cup finals, dating back to its 5-1 victory over the United Arah Emirates in 1990.

The United States lost its third match in a row without scoring. Its last two games, when it was host to the tournament four years ago. were 1-0 defeats to Romania and Brazil. The Americans have lost 10 of their last 13 games in finals.

It's Good to Watch

British Telecom lines went quiet during the match Monday between England and Tunisia.

BT said 16 million fewer calls were made in a 21/2-hour span be-fore and during the match than were made during the same period a

The number of calls jumped by 100,000 when Alan Shearer scored England's opening goal. (Reuters)

Australia May Seek Cup

Australia will bid to hold the 2006 World Cup finals if England's chances are undermined by hoo-

George Negus, the commissioner of soccer Australia, said Australia was planning to hid for the 2010 World Cup hut would consider hringing its campaign forward if England's hopes of bolding the tournament were damaged by

Germany and South Africa are also prospective bidders. (Reuters)

Bomb Under Pitch

A huge unexploded World War Il bomh huried a meter below the halfway line at the stadium of Borussia Dortmund in Germany has been defused.

The club said its stadium and surrounding area were evacuated Monday after the bornh was found hy workers digging up the pitch to install a heating system. (Reuters)

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WORLD CUP BRIEFS Maldini's Tough Pick: Who Makes the Team?

Italian Coach Hit by Avalanche of Advice

By Rob Hughes
International Herald Tribune

MONTPELLIER, France - The Italians and the World Cup go together like pasta and parmesan cheese. They love it. They have always been here and no-one is better at making a crisis ont of

A week ago, Italy led Chile by a goal, fell behind to a couple of hot strikes from Marcelo Salas, and rescued a draw via a late, duhious penalty. Neurosis

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runs high. Italy worries about Cameroon, which it meets in Montpellier on Wednesday. Italian anxiety has less to do with the fantasy which last week against Austria propelled Pierre Njanka from unknown Cameroon villager to World Cup scorer, than with the inner turmoil of seemingly every Italian.

There are 60 million selectors trying

to pick coach Cesare Maldini's line-up. They extend from Prime Minister Romano Prodi to Gianni Agnelli to the president of Pirelli and every man, woman and child in the land that is shaped, as is Italy's conscience, like a boot.

Agnelli, who owns Fiat and Ferrari, has hand-picked his own personal collection of marvelous soccer players at Juventus. They have included Michel Platini, the organizer of this World Cup. So when Agnelli makes his views known Maldini does not publicly contradict. But when the politicians started pronouncing on how to pick and how to hlend an Azzuri 11, the coach let off a

Prodi is like many a politician. He hears the popular chorus and he affects expertise. While many in the land argue who is hest, Roberto Baggio or Aless-andro Del Piero, the older attacking genie or the new, Prime Minister Prodi declares they are both great athletes, and Maldini should pick them both.

As it happens, great athletes they are not. They are great talents, certainly, artists, perhaps. But Baggio is back after suffering almost four years of debil-itating injuries, and Del Piero missed the Chile encounter because of a muscle strain that began to diminish his athleticism in the final months of the club season for Juventus. In that sense, they are a pair, Baggio and Del Piero, two individuals of sublime touch on the hall and sometimes wondrous, talismanic skills whose bodies were not made to be forced through the unreleoting club and country demands of modern soccer.

They are victims, in a way, of their talents. For, like the prime minister, nobody chooses to leave them out. The soccer politicians who through igoorance and greed want to add a world club troops and said: "You have to perform a the longer Brazil went with championship to fill the month or so task which will need your courage, your the more tense they became. respite professional players get every fourth year frankly wouldn't know the toll on the human body or the staleness of mind that burns out star performers.

Tell Prodi that soccer is a game that takes muscle as well as mind, that Del Piero or Baggio function best with the shield of a hig man such as Christian Vieri, and be will doubtless respond with the fan's clarion call: Then play all of them, all three. Italy needs goals, so

At this point. I am with Maldini wbo. with a trace of impatience in his humor, began this week saying: "I understand that Prime Minister Prodi is a great admirer of cycling." Maldini waited, his eyes smiled, and he delivered the

punch line.

"He should sock to that." The soccer coach did not permit himself the observation that Prodi's constituency happens to be Bologna, where Roberto Baggio last season resurrected his career. But Maldini, who assisted at the window. ning of a World Cup for Italy in 1982, knows that choosing a soccer team is all about balancing defense, midfield and the right attack on a given night.

To my eye, if I might be so bold to interfere in the Italian question, Italy's problem against Chile lay in defense, not attack where Baggio craftily complimented Vieri.

At the back, Fabio Cannavaro had a nightmare against Salas who beat him in the air and on the ground. Italy's other centerback, Alessandro Nesta, couldn't help because his hands were full coping with Ivan Zamorano. Nesta and Cannavaro suffer the ab-

sence of Franco Baresi, the retired emperor of defending. And if coach Maldini errs it is persevering with Alessandro Costacurta as the spare man, the minder to these two young bloods.

Maldini foresaw the problem and unretired" Giuseppe Bergomi, 34, the Internazionale defender. Bergomi was a World Cup winner when he was 18, and, since he's in the squad, why not go the extra mile and put him in the team? Some close to the Italian camp say the

problem is midfield which lacks a true enforcer, a dynamic leader. Others say that when Angelo Peruzzi, the numero uno keeper, fell to a training ground injury, coach Maldini made the wrong choice in preferring the seasoned

Gianluca Pagliuca to the fearless 20-yearold Parma goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon. So let me see. There's attack, midfield, defense and goalkeeper. The coach, who has been around this game some 50 years, might by now be deaf to public criticism, from high and low. He mustn't

miliar with the missive of Lord Kitchener, leader of the British Expedenergy and your patience." And win.

Rob Hughes is the Sports Correspondent of The Times of London.



Said Chiba of Morocco, left, challenging Roberto Carlos of Brazil on Tuesday night in Nantes.

Brazil Routs Morocco to Win Group

Ronaldo Scores First Cup Goal as Champion's Attack Sparkles

NANTES, France — Ronaldo scored his first ever World Cup goal as Brazil routed Morocco, 3-0, on Tuesday

Although France also beat African opposition, 3-0, when it defeated South Africa on Friday, this was the most emphatic victory so far in this World Cup. It meant that Brazil, which beat Scotland in its opening match, is sure of first place in Group A. Morocco is now fourth but can still climb to second place and qualify for the second round if it beats Scotland in its final match and Brazil does not lose to Norway.

In the ninth minute, Ronaldo, who had oot scored in his previous three full internationals, including his World Cup dehnt against Scotland, ran on to a soperb cross-field pass by Rivaldo and rifled the ball low past Driss Benzekri

panic. Brinkmanship is part of the Italian game, and the game is part of Italy.

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The Inter Milan striker was on the Brazilian squad that won the World Cup well-read man, you no doubt are facilities unlike the Moroccan goalkeeper. Curiously, the goal appeared to settle Morocco, which barried and chased itionary Force in 1914, who gathered his Brazil, putting them out of their stride. The longer Brazil went without a goal

> through in the 36th minute, but just as he ball into any empty ner. lined up to shoot Cesar Sampaio came in

behind him to take his feet away.

Nikolai Levnikov, the Russian referee, immediately booked the Brazilian. Sampaio also received a yellow card against Scotland and will miss Brazil's final group match against Norway.

While Levnikov was writing down Sampaio's name, the tension in the Brazilian defense was clear. Dunga, the

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captain, was screaming at Bebeto for losing the ball in midfield to set up the Moroccan attack. Leonardo had to step in before the two came to blows. Just before halftime Rivaldo scored to

calm Brazil's nerves. Cafu ran clear on the right and squared the ball into the goalmonth for the Barcelona player to sidefoot it into the

Brazil increased its lead in the 50th minute when Bebeto, a survivor of the 1994 World Cup when he scored three goals, scored his first goal of this com-

Ronaldo woo the ball from a Moroccan defender on the touchline, and

Winning by three goals, the now re-

laxed Brazilians began showing their party tricks. In the 55th minute, Ronaldo hlasted a low 20-meter effort narrowly wide of Benzekri's goal. As the South Americans continued to dominate with some sparkling play, Mario Zagallo, the Brazilian coach, gave some of his bench a run out.

He hrought on Edmundo for Bebeto 20 minutes from the end to give the 27year-old his first ever World Cup ap-pearance but the "animal" did little to get himself promoted to a first choice for the second round.

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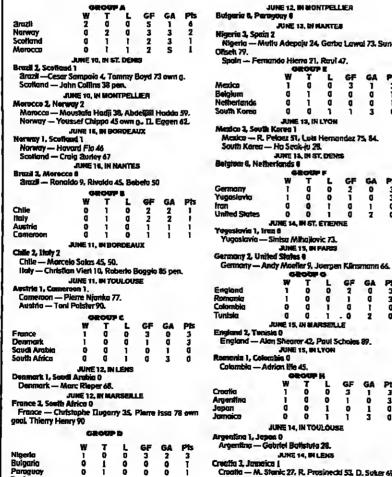
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However, Abdeljilil Hadda exposed more lapses in the Brazilian defense hy climbing above the lanky Junior Baiano and heading just wide. But Ronaldo squandered a good chance to make it 4-0 when he fired wide from 15 meters after slick Brazilian move.

Levnikov's performance will have done little to placate Sepp Blatter, the new president of FIFA, the governing body of world socer and Michel Platini, the head of the World Cup organizing committee. Earlier in the day both men had criticized referees for heing to lax.

But the referee allowed Said Chiba of wrongfooted two more defenders with a Morocco to stay on the field after a brilliant dribble. As Benzekri rushed out vicious foul oo Rooaldo. The striker had Moustafa Hadji, Morocco's bero in its to try and stop him. Ronaldo coolly to go off for two minutes to be treated opening match against Norway, was slipped the ball to Beheto to side-foot the after Chiba put his boot into his thigh hut the Moroccan escaped unpunished.

Results, Scorers and Group Standings



Scotland Stays Alive on Burley's Goal

for his team against Norway. A defeat would have eliminated Scotland, which lost its first match to Brazil. Norway is second in the group on two points from two matches

SCOTLAND 1, NORWAY 1

while Scotland only has one point. But while Scotland faces Morocco in its last game Norway must play Brazil, the group winner, in its last match, so its chances of advancing are also precarious. Scotland created the best

of them. second haif, Nnrway exploited some slack Scottish defending to take the lead.

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the left to the far post, where way we lost control of the Havard Flo had escaped Christian Dailly, a Scottish trol until we gave away the defender. Flo, unmarked, goal.' stooped to head the ball into Dar the Scottish goal from close

lead, Craig Brown, the Scot- game.

land coach, moved Burley out BORDEAUX — Craig of the defense and into the Burley kept Scotland's midfield. "When we went a slender hopes of reaching the goal down, we had to second round alive when he gamble," Brown said. "The scored in the 66th minute gamble paid off with an ex-Tuesday to earn a 1-1 draw cellent goal."

In the 66th minute, David Weir lobbed the ball forward from the Scottish half and Burley ran it down. Then, as the Norwegian goalkeeper. Frode Grodas, came to meet him, Burley clipped the ball over him and into the goal.

"I was disappointed to be playing at right back again and itching to get into the middle," said Burley. "I think we outplayed them."

Brown added: "We are

still in the group and we will fight to the end. We were very disappointed with one point. We thought we did enough to get all three. Egil Olsen, Norway's

In the first minute of the coach, said his team could have done better. 'We are still in the tour-

nament," he said. "But I'm Vidar Riseth crossed from really disappointed with the game. We had complete con-Darren Jackson of Scot-

land received his second yellow card of the tournament After Norway took the and will miss at least one



(AFP, Reuters) Scotland's Colin Hendry outjumping Tore Andre Flo.



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WORLD CUP

Starstruck By Italy? Cameroon Gets Ready

P.M. Cesare Maldini, the Italian coach, -must answer one vital question before Wednesday: Who should play up from

for Italy against Cameroon?

Conventional wisdom suggests the coach will stick with the partnership that scored his side's two goals in the draw against Chile on Thursday - Roberto Baggio and Christian Vieri.

Maldini is a great fan of "little-andlarge" striking partnerships and, in an

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Italian squad missing Fabrizio Ravanelli and Pierluigi Casiraghi, that means the robust Vieri should play.

But even though Vieri and Baggio both scored, Italy failed to beat Chile. Meanwhile, Alessandro Del Piero has recovered from injury.

Del Piero was spellbinding for Juventus last season. Italians would love to see him in tandem with the equally creative, nimble and unpredictable Baggio. Maldini's problem is that Del Piero and Baggio are two of a kind. They even come from the same part of northcast Italy. "There's no doubt about it, we are very similar," Del Picro said. "We

have the same shoe size, we're about the same height, we're both a bit short.' And the differences? "Robby's mar--ried and I'm not."

Maldini's other option is a three-man attack with Vieri as center forward flanked by Del Piero on the left and Baggio on the right. Claude Le Roy, the Cameroon coach.

said he did not want his team to be overawed. "What I don't want them to do in the second game is look around and say, 'Wow, Italy, look at all the star

Several Cameroon players have un-happy Italian links. Captain Francois Omam Biyick is with Sampdoria but has not played a full match since joining the club in January, Inter Milan lent midfielder Samnel Ipoua to Rapid Vienna after be had problems in Italy. Defender Pierre Wome is languishing in the second division with Lucchese.

Chile vs. Austria, Saint-Etierme, 5:30 P.M. Austrian coach Herbert Prohaska says his team will gamble against Chile.

"After the results of the first games I will certainly bave to take some risks against Chile," Probaska said Tuesday. "If you want to beat a great team theo you have to take risks.

Probaska said strikers Marcelo Salas and Ivan Zamorano could cause his side great problems.

"It all depends on space," Prohaska said. "If we give them room in attack then they will use it." Salas scored both goals in Chile's 2-2 draw with Italy.

Prohaska gave no indication whether he would include an extra striker to give support to veteran frootman Toni Polster who played alone in attack and scored Austria's equalizer in a 1-1 draw.

Salas suffered a thigh strain over the weekend and missed training. But reports indicated he was recovering well. Chile's coach, Nelson Acosta, will oot change the strategy be used against Italy. "We play with two forwards who press on their opponents," he said.



Alexi Lalas, the U.S. defender, planting a kiss on his cardhoard likeness during a visit to a fan center near Paris.

OUF! Germans Show U.S. How Good Soccer Players Can Be

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played during the pregame warm-ups.
The game had dreadful overtones of the Yanks' opening game in the 1990 World Cup when they were completely outplayed in a 5-1 lnss to Czechoslo-

Reyna knew all week that he would be marked by somebody. By process of elimination, it was going to be the shaggy-haired, 24-year-old Jeremies wbo plays for TSV 1860 Munich, in the same league as Reyna.

"I know him real well," Reyna said. I know all those guys."

They, in turn, know him - a kid with good moves who was held back by injury from participating in the 1994 World Cup, and is not quite as good as he could be, according to his own coach, whose name is (and, as Dave Barry would say, I am not making this up), Wolfgang Wolf of Wolfshurg.
"If he gets hit three times, he's ba-

sically taken out of the game," Wolf said this season. "I want Claudio to sbow more spirit. He has so much talent. but he has to use his potential more than that he was not a factor. He said he did not feel the whack from Jeremies but he started stiffening up with five minutes left in the game, and be figured out the source.

"If you could see it from the stands, the referee could have done something about it." Reyna said afterward. "I know him. He's very aggressive. He always plays like that."

Reyna continued in that vein: "They earned what they got. We were not as aggressive. We didn't have the ball enough. We were a little too relaxed." Whatever the reason, the Yanks were totally outplayed. Mike Burns let a ball

slither over his body and into a narrow space between himself and the right post for the first goal, and Thomas Dooley was faked all the way to Versailles by Juergen Klinsmann on the second

Steve Sampson, the U.S. coach, must get some poise and attack in his lineup. would propose he abandon his 3-6-1 formation, which leaves forwards like Eric Wynalda exposed and useless. He

he's doing now." Reyna was pushed should also get Tab Ramos in there and shoved and elbowed so regularly sooner than the 69th minute, for his crisp runs and inspired passes and booming shots. Ramos is still recovering from knee surgery, but the United States does not have time for him to recuperate fully.

Now Sampson has to try to turn things around against Iran, which does not have the size or speed or skill of Germany, but will have intense reason to want to beat the United States. The Germans were merely going about their business. I think they are warmed up

■ One in Three Germans Tuned In

Nearly one-third of the German popnlacon followed their country's first World Cup match oo television, Agence France-Presse reported from Bonn. Germans watched in restaurants, at

home and in bars. According to ARD, which broadcast the match, 24.44 million people followed the game from beginning to end while a total of 26.61 million watched at some point. Germany has a population of 82 mil-

Overawed U.S. Team Learns a Bitter Lesson

Its Talent Level No Match for Germany's

By Jere Longman
New York Tunes Service

PARIS - After four years of un-deniable improvement, of encouraging results against top teams in tesser tournaments, the United States learned a sober lesson in a 2-0 loss to Germany in the World Cup. When it counts, the Americans' third-tevel ability still has not caught up with its first-level am-

Except for an encouraging 10-minute stretch in the second half Monday, the Americans were clinically dismantled by the three-time world champions. The

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Germans were bigger, stronger, faster, better organized, more purposeful and more disciplined, and more willing to flex their considerable muscle. "I think some of us were a little in

awe," said midfielder Claudio Reyna. Tab Ramos, who came on in the second half in midfield, said he had queasy flashbacks to the World Cups of 1990 and 1994, when the nervous, timid U.S. team played not to lose, instead of

That fearful attitude was supposed to have been eradicated now that all of the American players bave experience playing in professional leagues.

'I don't think what we saw out there was a step forward for U.S. soccer," Ramos said. "We're not bere to win the World Cup because we know that's not going to happen. But we're bere to show that we've improved, and I don't think we did a good job of that."
The United States surrendered

meekly in midfield to the German pressure. The Americans did not even fire a shot on goal for the first 31 minutes. In the first half, they could not string toether as many as three passes.

Meanwhile, a goal by German mid-fielder Andy Moeller sent the Americans backpedaling eight minutes into the game. The Germans maintained possessioo with one-touch passes,

working the balt around from side to side, stretching the Americans until they spotted a rip in a defensive seam.

"In the first half, we were always a step stow," Reyna said. "We exerted so much energy moving without the ball, when we got it we were tired. We had no Mike Burns, who plays hard but who is a defender masquerading as a midfielder, was overmatched on the right wing and was replaced by Frankie Hejduk at halftime. Eric Wynalda appeared rusty and unassertive at forward, playing his first significant minutes since he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery two months ago. He, too, was relieved in the second half, by Roy

Wegerle.
The Americans were obviously trying to score; the problem was that the for-wards could hardly put the ball into the net if the midfield couldn't deliver it.

The opener was supposed to be the optimum time to face Germany, which traditionally starts slowly and builds throughout the World Cup.

And the Americans were quite familiar with the opponent, given that eight members of the team play or have played in the German Bundesliga. But tamiliarity did nothing to bridge the wide gap between these two teams.

Germany is here to win a fourth World Cup, while the Americans are still essentially here to win respect.

"I think nerves got to us in the first half," Hejduk said. "A lot of people were nervous out there. They came out hard and strong and we weren't ready for that." Even with an ambitious 3-6-1 for-

mation, which features three defeoders. six midfielders and a lone forward and which bas produced repeated chances to score in recent games, the Americans were certain to find it difficult to advance to the second round. Now they will quickly go bome if they cannot defeat Iran on Sunday in Lyoo and Yugoslavia next Thursday in Nantes. "We needed to match them phys-

ically, and we didn't do that in the first 20 minutes," said goalkeeper Kasey Keller, who said the Americans might have been made too shy by warnings that rough play would not be tolerated by the referees. "If you can't match them physically, you're in a lot of trouble."

The one thing the Americans did not want to do was to surreoder an early goal. But eight minutes into the game, Germany's Juergen Klinsmann split David Regis and Ernie Stewart and headed a corner kick to teammate Andy Moeller, who was left unmarked in froot of the goal.

Burns stood on the goal line, apparently perfectly position, but even though he had his hand on the left goalpost he left a gap. Moeller's header

cing round the post for a corner it slithered between his hip and the post. "It was a fluke goal," Burns said. "It was an awkward spot, I couldn't control it with my chest or my hips. It was like the ball had eyes, I didn't think it had

enough space to go through."
Satisfied to be down, 1-0, at halftime, the Americans nearly tied the game in the 54th minute when Regis lifted an exquisite cross to Hejdak, who launched a diving header at Andreas Kopke, the German goalie. Only a diving reach by Kopke kept the ball out of the net.

That was it for the American surge.

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England-Tunisia game on Monday. You can't give hooligans a staging ground for their activities," Baudis said. That's what they're looking for."

The regional prefect, Alain Bidou, has called on an additional 180 police officers to supplement the 1,300 who were already scheduled to be in Toulouse for the match. Reinforcements will also be sent to Lens.

"The error we made was not to want give the image of Marse uoder siege," said Jean-Claude Gaudin, the mayor of Marseille. "With these people, you must take the initiative. Afterward, it's nearly impossible."

Dominique Vlasto, an official at the Marseille tourist bureau, said: "You have to be very attentive. The police who were here needed to be quicker to

react in some cases." Several shopkeepers and bar owners in Marseille said police officers sometimes stood by waiting for orders from their superiors while damage was being done or fighting taking place. Spectators at the Prado, where 18 people were hospitalized with minor injuries,

SOCCER: Violence Abates, at Least Temporarily, in Marseille said the damage could have been minimized by a larger police presence or match between Scotland and Norway.

faster interventioo. The trouble came despite the fact that French authorities had been working with British law-enforcement officials since the World Cup draw was held in December. Then, it became clear where England would play.

While British police officers were in Marseille to identify known hooligans, and French officials said their work proved useful, many observers said the liganism was to stop it at the source.

Britons crossing into France or other Continental European nations are supposed to show identification which, in theory, should make it possible to ideotify known hooligans before they arrive on site. In practice, bowever, there are many ways to slip across borders unobtrusively.

"You can't check every car," said, Jean-Paul Proust, Marseille's regional prefect. He added that many of the England fans involved in the rioting were not known hooligans.

On Tnesday, French police beld 58 Scottish supporters for four hours after

The group had crossed into France from Spain and had no tickets for the match. Clearly, the English booligans are only a large part of a larger problem, since not all the troublemakers in Marseille were English or even Tunisian fans. Some of those involved in the altercations and vandalism were young Frenchmen from Marseille's northern neighborhoods.

There were other people who wersituation," said Ernest Zutta, the proprietor of a bar called La Samaritaine, which suffered minor damage.

Zutta, like most Marseille property owners, was breathing easier oo Tuesday. But he and his fellow citizens may not have seen the last of the soccer fans from across the channel. If England were to finish second in its group, an entirely feasible prospect, and then win its second-round match, it would play in Marseille again in the quarterfinals and semifinals. "If that happens," said Mayor Gaudin, "I would ask the French Republic to put all possible means at our disposal to avoid any more problems."

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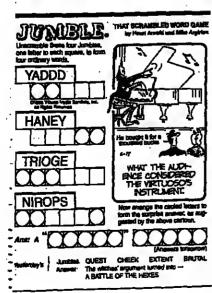


Jurgen Klinsmann jumping into the arms of Oliver Bierhoff after scoring against the United States.

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A Volatile Mix in India

By Somini Sengupta New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For the second time in less than two years, India's most famous artist, Magbool Fida Husain, has become a target bringing loud cries against of the country's most militant censorship. Hindu activists.

the far-right Bajrang Dal, up- abroad have not been im-Hindu goddess, slipped into at A Gallery on West 23d Husain's apartment in Bombay, destroyed one painting and mauled several canvases before being arrested by police officers.

Since then, high-ranking officials of the governing Bharatiya Janata Party, while distancing themselves from the attack, have asked bim to refrain from what they call his perverted works of art, while isms that preceded India's inmany of the country's most prominent artists and writers he displayed bis first canvas prominent artists and whom have rallied around him, criticizing attempts to fetter free Even in the British time. I

Husain himself, however, seems unruffled, taking what he euphemistically called a philosophical approach to the

whole furor. 'li's very minor.' he said offered at Christie's auction house. "The door was open. I went out. Some people also completed a series on the came. When pressed for de-world's 10 major religions, tails, he demurred. 'My including humanism, house is an open house.' he Recently, his imag

helong to them. Perhaps, Bui Husain, a the most prominent whipping mean popular cinema, not the boy for his country's Hindu arry-arry, which is dull."

militants. In November 1996, a mob ransacked ooe of Husain's galleries in Ahmedabad over another painting, a partly nude representation of the Hindu goddess of arts and letters, called Saraswati.

The gallery bas since Early in May, members of closed, but even his shows sel at a stylized portrait of a mune. Last summer a display Street in Manhanan drew a clutch of peaceful protesters.

> For his part, Husain, whose long and prolific career has mirrored the boom in Indian contemporary art over the last 10 years, expressed little surprise. At 83, he remembers the Hindu-Muslim antagondependence in 1947, the year

> saw riots in Bombay," he re-called, adding that India is steeped in religion. "It is the one thing that you should not touch. I touched it. But they nusunderstood it.

In fact. Husain's brush has always touched religion. The portraits that have set off the impatiently in a telephone in- Hindu militants in recent terview from London, where years were done several years his paintings were being ago. He has painted a long series based on "The Mahab-harata," the Hindu epic, and

Recently, his imagination "Everybody is wel- has jurned to the movies. come. They are my people. I which in India can be as vital as matters of faith. "As Woody Allen says, 'Cinema Muslim who has filled many a is the only reality, and that is canvas with scenes and por- more true in India," Husain traits taken from Hindu myth-said. "Imagine what violence ology, has recently become if there was no cinema. And I

Harold Evans, Invisible Man? Not Quite

By Robin Pogrebin

NEW YORK — One thing is certain: Harold Evans at least

looks busy. He arrives at the Waldorf-Astoria's Peacock Alley for breakfast in a blur of flyaway hair and distracted energy, his briefcase bulging with that day's Daily News. which he has already marked up with his scrawling critiques (this article is repetitive, that one was underplayed). His manner is that of a charming, absent-minded British professor, the type of important

If people around town seem in the dark these days about just what he is doing. Evans says, that is just the way he wants it. "I'm the in-visible man," he said. "And if people say, 'Harry's doing noth-ing, 'hat's fine with me.' Not long ago, Harry Evans lived

in the public eye. As president and publisher of Random House's trade group, he came to symbolize the new era of glitz in publishing. His star-studded literary breakfasts at Barneys department store, multimillion-dollar writers' contracts and paparazzi-chronicled party attendance with his wife. The New Yorker editor Tina Brown, made him the

constant subject of speculation:
"What's Harry up to now?" Now the question is more like

Where is Harry anyway?"

When he left Random House last autumn and went to work for his longtime friend, Mortimer Zuckerman, it seemed to many in the media world that Evans had simply found a face-saving refuge in the nick of time. His new job — editorial director and vice chairman of The Daily News of New York. U.S. News & World Report, The Atlantic Monthly and Fast Company, a business magazine — was widely assumed to be a way to bow

job was seeo as a comfortable place for a media phenomenon who turns 70 later this month to live out the twilight of his career.

Evans is clearly bitter about the way his departure from Random House, which Bertelsmann AG is now buying from Advance Publications, was depicted in the press. Indeed, he went to some lengths to challenge the conventional wisdom by threatening to sue a British newspaper for articles portraying him as pushed out of Random House. The newspaper, The Spectator, ulti-mately published an angry lener from him and Evans left it at that.

He also says his low profile has person who needs to be introduced beeo a deliberate attempt to feel out to someone he has already met sevnew situation and begin to define his place in it. "Mort asked me to take six months before I did a single thing," Evans said. "To study the The study period is just about

over. But what be will do, or try to do, is not clear. People working under him generally agree that he is not much of a visible presence at the tabloid newspaper; that he flies down to Washington to visit U.S. News, the weekly news magazine, about once a week, and that he has essentially ignored the other two publications: The Atlantic Month-Company.

As to how Zuckerman feels about Evans's contributions thus advantages of greater resources and far, Zuckerman will not say much. 'Harry is responsible for the editorial supervision,' he said.
'That's why I hired him. I don't want to, in any sense, diminish his role by even talking about it. He and

ally just support what he's doing." But if Evans has a vision and has in a position to make a significant impact, at least at The Daily News and U.S. News, Although The News recently won several edit-



"My attitude is, I keep running," Harold Evans says.

the publications. They say that he stem a circulation decline, partic-flits in and out of The Daily News, ularly in its Sunday paper. And its single slot for the business. Evans attempt to shift to color has proved something of a debacle as its new presses barely work and full-color nages appear only on Sundays.

In an age of fast information, U.S. News continues to try to ly, a literary magazine, and Fast define its role as a newsweekly, particularly given that its competitors. Time and Newsweek, have later closing deadlines. Moreover, just about every publication now offers the service journalism -"News You Can Use" — that had been a U.S. News franchise. (U.S. News has a circulation of about 2.2 have conversations, and I basic- million: Newsweek. 3.2 million and Time, 4.2 million.)

Ooe thing Evans has clearly the latitude Zuckerman says, he is been studying is the field of journalistic talent. He is in charge of hiring and firing at all the publications and has made no secret of

single slot for the business," Evans said. "I always want to know who is out there and who is good."

One editor who has been on the other end of Evans's fishing expedition and insisted on not being identified described the meeting as largely painless. "It is oot an interview in the conventional sense," the editor said. "It's a conversation in which Harry comes across as a guy who's curious about what you think about things."

Evans said some shifts could be expected. "We'll have some changes of people eventually," he said. "We're discussing it."

About the fate of two of his top eduors - James Fallows, 48, at U.S. News and Debby Krenek, 42, at The Daily News - Evans is hardly Shermanesque. "I have no comment to make at this time," he said.

having met with about 70 people in little nervous. Churn bas been a fact attitude is, I keep running. And out before Random House, weary orial awards, including a Pulitzer the media industry, leaving the im- of life in upper management uoder somewhere in the dark there's a of his high-spending, anention-get-ting ways, urged him out. His new Alary, it has been struggling to ping certain positions around. I'm lows's predecessors within 12 before I fall off."

years included Marvin Stone, Shelby Coffey 3d, David Gergen, Roger Rosenblatt and the husbandand-wife team Michael Ruby and Merrill McLoughlin.

Fallows sounds almost fatalistic about his situation. "Like all of my predecessors, I serve at the pleasure of the owner or the owner's representatives," he said.

At The Daily News, Krenek is the

fourth editor in less than five years. She followed Pete Hamill, who left in September after disagreements with Zuckerman. But she said: 'I don't really worry about it. I feel that Harry is very straightforward with me. We do talk a lot, and I feel I know exactly where I stand."

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Evans said he viewed The News as "a serious newspaper in tabloid format" and predicted that its circulation would rise in the autumn. That is wheo, he said, he plans to beef up business coverage, give a new emphasis to the opinion section, reorganize the sports pages and reorder the flow of the paper so that news pages are not so often broken up by advertisements.

Evans does not seem to bave much contact with the rank and file at the publications he oversees. though reporters track his movements carefully when he is in the newsroom. But several people in the upper editorial echelons said that if they had to choose, they would prefer Evans's courtly input to Zuckerman's abrasive meddling. "He's a journalist," an editor said. "He knows how to speak

the language of journalists. Given what Evans has accomplished one might wonder why a man his age would feel the need to take on anything oew. But Evans said be had no intention of slowing down. He recently completed his illustrated history of the United States, "The American Ceotury," to be published in October.

'I don't know how to spell the Both editors have reason to be a word retirement," he said. "My

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— A model in the winning "party makeup" design of Ji Yanli of China, right rear, at the 22d Asian Hairstyling and Makeup Competition in Tokyo.

As the years piled up and his body wore down, Frank Sinatra struggled against the changes. "For a thoroughbred to age is never a graceful process," his son, Frank Sinatra Jr., said in an interview on CBS-TV's "The Late, Late Show." His memory and eyesight eroded in his later years, and he eventually was diagnosed with cataracts in each eye. Doctors gave him implants. "I asked him, 'How's it going?" and he said, 'I'm looking at things through a lot of broken windows.' "his son said. In 1988, Sinatra decided it was time to stop touring, "It was tough on him," Frank Jr. said. Sinatra continually fought going to the hospital, too. 'He didn't like medicine, he mistrusted doctors and he hated hospitals," his son said. Sinatra, who died last month, had not been seen in public since January 1997, when he suffered a heart attack. Even so, his family never got used to the idea he would someday be gone. "Every family has deaths, but everybody has had this attitude that Sinatra was going to live forever, "Frank Jr. said. "And this, I suppose, has to do with arrested Feb. 4 after trashing his room at the Plaza the fact that some people, they say, are larger than life."

Like a character in one of his movies. Bruce Willis came out blazing with both barrels in a George magazine interview, calling Bob Dole a "nitwit," pronouncing Louis Farrakhan 'a hero of mine' and declaring that organized religions are 'dying forms.' The 'Die Hard' star told the political magazine edited by John Kennedy Jr. that if he were black.
"I'd be with Farrakhan, too." Willis said of the leader of the

Nation of Islam, "A lot of people feel Louis Farrakhan stands for a lot of negative things. But he is raising his voice against inequality. Anyone who stands up against injustice is a hero of mine." Willis criticized organized religions, which he called 'dying forms." "Modern religion is the end trail of modern mythology." he said. "But there are people who interpret the Bible literally. Literally! I choose not to believe that's the way. And that's what makes America cool, you know?"

If Daniel Baldwin stays out of trouble with the law and spends three months in drug rehabilitation, he will avoid a jail sentence for an alleged cocaine-induced ramp ge at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Baldwin pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a violation, a lesser offense than a felony or misdemeanor. He had been previously charged with possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor. The actor was

This year's queen's bir hday booors list includes knight. hoods for the playwright David Hare; John Mortimer, the barrister, playwright and novelist who created "Rumpole of the Bailey," and the stage and screen actor Iao Holm.

Six years after the "Achy Breaky Heart" phenomenon came and went, Billy Ray Cyrus's loyal cadre of fans voted

him five awards - including best male vocalist - at the TNN Music City News Country Awards. Only Neal McCoy wasable to beat Cyrus in a category in which he had been nominated, taking the evening's top award, for best entertainer. Sawyer Brown picked up their sixth consecutive award for best vocal band, and Lorrie Morgan won her third straight trophy for best female vocalist.

Brooke Shields accepted "very substantial" libel damages and a public apology over a newspaper article that falsely reported she was questioned by police about drugs as she left the Cannes film festival. Lawyers for the actress and The Mail on Sunday said her lawsuit over the May 24 story had been settled. The amount of the damages was not disclosed. After the actress sued, the newspaper published a front-page apology and retraction.

The Gianni Versace retrospective exhibition came home Art in New York. The city of Como is hosting the exhibit in a villa on the sbores of Lake Como, where the slain designer had a luxury retreat. Some of the Versace clan's best friends, including Elton John and Mick Jagger, joined the slain designer's sister, Donatella, and brother, Santo, business head of the company, at a party. The guest list also included several of Italy's top desigoers, including Giorgio Armani.



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